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Armed Defense at Stearns Mine

The one year old strike at the Justus Mine in Stearns, Kentucky for a UMWA contract is the leading edge of class struggle in the coal fields and reflects the heightening of the contradictions between the coal operators and the miners, and the contradiction within the union between the trade union bureaucrats and the rank and file

MINERS FIGHT TO ORGANIZE

Stearns is the last remnant of a half-hearted organizing drive in Kentucky begun by the UMWA in 1973 after Arnold Miller's election. The Blue Diamond Coal Company which owns the Stearns mine has refused to accept the safety provisions of the proposed contract and is determined to keep the UMWA out of its mines.

The strikers have kept the mine closed since the strike began on July 17, 1976, and the level of struggle at the picket line has rapidly escalated since negotiations broke down in January 1977. Blue Diamond hired the Storm Security Company to protect the mine and armed the guards with a portable machine gun. In July they brought in a second machine gun and police dogs. The guards daily open fire on the picket line and often keep the strikers pinned down for 30 minutes at a time. The picket line looks like a war zone with foxholes and bunkers where the pickets take cover when fired upon. The striking miners have armed themselves to defend themselves against these fascist attacks.

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New escalation means step up August 1st Campaign!



CRUISE MISSILE: U.S. Ups Ante in Imperialist War!

The Carter Administration has embarked on the full scale production of thousands of pilotless Cruise missiles. It is also considering the stockpiling of neutron bombs capable of killing, without major destruction to buildings, factories and other fixed capital. The bombs will be launched from artillery and by the until-now, non-nuclear Lance missile. Their purpose, says Carter, is for tactical use in Europe against invading troops of the U S S R.

Fired from B-52's or military versions of the 747, in clusters of 20 to 50, the extremely accurate Cruise missiles are strategic weapons that will be released in great numbers along the borders of the U S S R, itself. These new arms, and the decision to by-pass the B-1 bomber, are a marked shift to an even more militant posture on the part of the U S bourgeoisie in its contention with the social-imperialist U S S R.

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GEORGIA WORKER DISRUPTS KKK RALLY

Buddy D. Cochran sits in jail in Americus, Georgia, held on \$200,000 bond. He has been charged with 20 counts of aggravated assault, each carrying a maximum sentence of 10 years. If convicted, he faces a possible 200 years in jail. Already, Southern reactionaries are calling for blood. The judge who set bail wants to "put him in the electric chair."

What has Buddy Cochran done to deserve this wrath? Listen to what Cochran has to say.

"I am but a common man, an average working man who knows what it is to live at the bottom. I work hard for my family and believe in God. I live by the grace of God and believe in the rights of free men.

"The Black man has fought extremely hard for freedom and equal rights. I love my Black brothers for their will to be equal with we who are whites and in the majority.

"I have over the years seen how the Black people are treated by the Ku Klux Klan and it has made me feel very helpless. I fought alongside Blacks as a Marine in Vietnam. These men are my friends but when they came home they were no longer treated equally.

"I have given up my freedom and put my life on the line and endangered my family for what I feel in my heart is a just cause."

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EDITORIALS

Communist Party (ML)...

A Social Prop of the Bourgeoisie

After months of on again, off again rhetoric, the October League formed the Communist Party (ML) (CP-ML) — adding itself to the opportunist parties claiming to serve the interests of the working class — the Communist Party USA, the Progressive Labor Party, the Communist Labor Party, the Revolutionary Communist Party, and now the Communist Party (ML).

The formation of the vanguard communist party represents nothing less than a declaration of war against the bourgeoisie. It would be the recognition of a general staff existing in the center of the working class movement of the U.S. to guide, lead and teach the workers the science of proletarian revolution. It is the vanguard party which boldly raises the banner of class against class, notifies the bourgeoisie and their social props — the reformists and the revisionists — that a major battle in the class war has been won by the proletariat. Marxism-Leninism teaches and history confirms that the vanguard communist party is the advanced detachment of the working class, the highest form of class organization, that will, with the seizure of state power by the working class, serve as the instrument of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

All political parties represent one class or the other. There exists today in the U.S. no party of the working class. Nothing more reveals this to be the case, and exposes such reactionary claims of the CP(ML) than its stand towards the U.S. bourgeoisie and its views on the international situation. The formation of the CP(ML) comes at a time when they are in the midst of an intense social-chauvinist campaign against the working class, trying to convince the workers that we must direct our "main blow" not against the U.S. bourgeoisie but against the Soviet Czars!

The CP(ML) is social-chauvinist because they preach socialism in words, but defend in deeds the imperialist aims and ambitions of the U.S. bourgeoisie. By aiming the "main blow" against Soviet social-imperialism, the CP(ML) defends the interest and collaborates with the U.S. imperialists, because, the CP(ML) says, the U.S. bourgeoisie

is a lesser danger and evil in the world. Such logic, in the event of imperialist war, would lead the CP(ML) to rally behind the flag rather than turning the imperialist war into a civil war.

This road of class collaboration abandons the class struggle and historic mission of the U.S. working class of smashing the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie in this country. The position of the CP(ML) distorts the basic teachings of Marxism-Leninism to such a point that they make the ridiculous claim that the Soviet Union is the main prop of imperialism, rather than one of the two imperialist superpowers that has its own props, just as the CP(ML) acts as a compromising force to prop up U.S. imperialists.

U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism are both the greatest enemy and greatest danger to the people of the entire world. Internationally, we must direct our main blow against both imperialism and social-imperialism. Our aim is to build the united front against the two superpowers. However in a given country at a given time one of the two superpowers may be a greater danger which then makes the main task of the proletariat in that country to defeat that enemy. In the U.S., we will carry out our internationalist duty by directing our main blow against the U.S. bourgeoisie.

Unless this fundamental truth is grasped, it is impossible to lead the proletarian masses into anything but the lap of the bourgeoisie. The U.S., after years of imperialist rule, is a country in which the proletariat has been subjected to the poisons of nationalism and chauvinism. This is a fact that cannot be ignored. That is why we must insist on internationalism in words and deeds.

In the U.S., in particular, with a long history of revisionism and Browder conciliation, "Internationalism means breaking with ones own social-chauvinists (defense advocates) and with ones own imperialist government, it means waging a revolutionary struggle against that government and overthrowing it."

Breaking with social chauvinism and revisionism is a question which affects all aspects of the program of the proletariat. The basic program

of the CP(ML) on all major questions reflects its class collaborationist and revisionist stand. The OL, for over half of its existence, denied that modern revisionism and right opportunism are the main danger in the U.S. working class movement. They said "left" opportunism was the danger — a position which completely negated the history of the proletariat in this country and ran straight into the face of the international communist movement. Traveling this road put the OL in the service of the CPUSA and Soviet revisionism. With such a start it is not surprising that the CP(ML) set out to rewrite the history of the CPUSA itself, claiming in its recent political report that the CPUSA was taken over by a clique in 1957 — as if its abandonment of its revolutionary position on the Black National Question, trade unions and many other questions years before, did not in and of itself deprive the CPUSA of any semblance of Marxism-Leninism.

In fact the entire effort of the CP(ML) to form a communist party is a mirror of revisionism and opportunism. The OL began its campaign for the party by claiming that the party in this country did not require, at its formation, a party program or a party congress. This was revised when it suited these "misleaders", as a "minor modification." The OL turned out to be all too correct. Even after the call for a program and a party congress, the OL did not essentially modify its motion towards revisionism.

The organizing committee formed by the OL had nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism. Rather than placing the party program as the cornerstone of its work, the program was revealed in the closing months of the organizing committee with limited discussion. There was no nation-wide effort to take the program to the working class for discussion and correction.

On the Black National Question, the great nation chauvinism of the CP(ML) has been consistent. The OL, and now the CP(ML) has historically opposed secession of the Black Belt Nation. The work of the OL in the Black Belt Nation has completely ignored the plight of the poor white workers,

and the development of work in the rural South. Its work in the Black Belt Nation has turned the Southern Christian Education Fund (SCEF) into a petty arm of the CP(ML)'s Fight Back Organization, purging all those in SCEF who in any way oppose the CP(ML). Rather than build SCEF as a genuine mass organization, they took a sectarian stand towards it in order to build their own organization. One recent event around the Gary Tyler case also illustrates this point. The CP(ML), in New Orleans, was recently placed on probationary status because of its sectarian and unprincipled wrecking and splitting of the People's Defense Coalition to Free Gary Tyler and End Injustice. In this case, in JoAnn Little's case or in its activities in turning SCEF into its club, the OL has a history of wrecking and splitting every major effort to build such mass organizations.

These examples should point clearly to the fact that the CP(ML) is not a party which is capable of or interested in leading or uniting the proletariat in class struggle. The stand of the CP(ML) represents the stand of a revisionist party of the bourgeoisie who revises and distorts the basic teachings of Marxism-Leninism on the questions of the vanguard communist party, the national question and the international situation, to cite major examples. The CP(ML) is not a party of the working class, but a social prop of the bourgeoisie. Its objective mission is to mislead and divide the working class.

Many before the CP(ML) have burst upon the scene and claimed to carry the bright red flag of revolution. No doubt there will be others still. But claims do not make revolution. Only in pursuing the course of proletarian internationalism, staunchly upholding and defending Marxism-Leninism and in combat against modern revisionism, in all its forms, will a genuine vanguard party be built.

In this struggle, there no doubt are many forces within the CP(ML) which will be won over to the cause of communism — but only by rejecting the social chauvinist, revisionist and corrupt leadership now commanding the CP(ML). ★

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Dear Comrades,

Being a young man of the Black Belt Nation I have been created out of a poor education. The paper Unite have better my reading ability in someways. It have also opened my eyes to a few facts. There are still time when I have my

doubt. An there time when it's hard for me to understand what I am reading. So I study the slogan to find the meaning. I am sure there are other who feel the same way. It sure be written for peopes of the workin class as well oppresed peopes of this Nation. So in the near future will not only hear

about it. But will be able to read about it too. An get a understanding.

Thank you

P S I will not give my name

A comrade in the Mississippi Delta, Black Belt Nation

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear UNITE!

In the June issue of UNITE! there was an article about the discrimination suit in behalf of Black workers filled against Avondale Shipyards in New Orleans, Louisiana. The thrust of the MLOC position presented was correct, that a very small but significant victory was won for Black workers. The article stated that this was really only a tactical victory, a beginning of the struggle that Avondale workers are waging against the capitalists.

Several points in this article were misleading, and would lead one to believe that this victory was bigger than it was.

First, hundreds of Black workers in the yard, who still work at Avondale, did not join in the lawsuit because they were afraid of losing their jobs. And justifiably so. Many of the plaintiffs were forced one way or the other to leave Avondale.

Secondly, the lawsuit was not handled in any coordinated way. Each worker had to hire their own lawyer. There was little communication amongst the workers which made it near impossible for workers to give direction to the suit. This problem can begin to be solved when a union and grievance committee are set up inside of Avondale so that suits and mass actions will be carried out under the leadership of the working class, and not a team of lawyers.

Third, the suit dragged on and on for upwards of three years. Many workers who were originally plaintiffs are not even aware to this day of the outcome of the suit. Others rightfully had no expectations that the law would defend Black workers and dropped away as the slow "wheels of justice" turned. Many plaintiffs never collected a penny from this case.

Lastly, while the article correctly pointed out that \$23.40 for each month is certainly no reparation for the wholesale discrimination of Black workers, no worker even received that amount. In one example, a worker received \$65 out of this three year suit, for their two years employment at Avondale. This appears to be a typical settlement. If anything, conditions at Avondale are the same if not worse than before the suit was filed. This experience enlightened many people who now understand that an isolated courtroom fight will not accomplish anything.

The widespread discrimination of Black workers since 1938 has been a bargain for Avondale in the main. This had held all workers wages down by hiring in Black workers at a lower pay scale, and this has kept

the workforce divided. Avondale's national chauvinist ideology has held much influence amongst the workforce. This has made the struggle for unionization very difficult. Low wages have also allowed Avondale to win on low-bid contracts for ships because the workforce is underpaid.

The suit should be seen as a partial gain for all workers in the yard fighting discrimination and exploitation by the monied class. The suit was one small step down the long road towards Black liberation and self-determination.

signed,
Workers in the
Deep South

Dear Comrades

I just today received a copy of UNITE! in the mail from a comrade. It was the first copy of your publication I have seen. I was especially encouraged by your articles on prisons in the South. But the entire paper was terrific.

There are many prisoners here who have been studying Marxism-Leninism since a court decision opened the prison to revolutionary literature in early 1976. Later that year a mass movement arose in struggle for a grievance committee following the beating of a brother prisoner. Eight prisoners were singled out as ring-leaders (you

know how they do us) and locked in isolation. Two days later 66 prisoners stayed out on the yard when recall was announced. They were protesting the locking up of the eight and were continuing the movement for a grievance committee. The prison managers crushed the movement with pick-ax handles and clubs and herded the unarmed prisoners to the isolation blocks. Many of us still remain in isolation, unable to earn any money, even the slave wages paid in the prison. Nevertheless, we have not stopped struggling. In March there was a three-day hunger strike in protest over the cells. We are locked in cells for over 23 hours a day on weekdays, and for the full 24 hours on weekends and holidays. The lighting in the cells is very poor. We are fed in the cells by guards pushing a food tray through a slot in the door.

Then in April and May, the block was rocked again by protests that lasted three weeks. The spark this time was caused by guards seen spitting into our food.

Gradually, through struggle and study, more and more prisoners are coming to realize that our power can be fully realized only in organization. Lately our efforts are leading to the formation of a prisoners union. Just today we heard that the prison managers do not need to permit prisoners a union. This is no surprise. The courts are part of the apparatus of violence and coercion that is the state. We do not look to the courts to legitimize our struggle against our oppressor.

Well, I wanted to ask you if you could send me a subscription to UNITE! If I had any funds I would gladly send it to you to do my part in supporting the struggle. But I receive no money. I can say that the paper would be read by several of the comrades here who would be very glad to learn from UNITE! And I wanted to ask if you would like for us to send you news of our struggle or just to correspond, so we can get to know on another better? Let me know, and take good care.

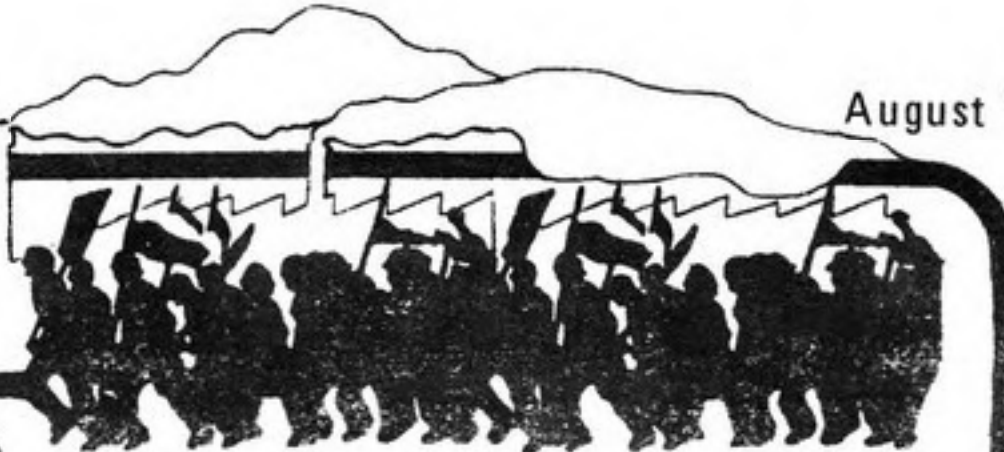
Yours in struggle

A prisoner in Connecticut

Editor's response: UNITE! has a policy of providing complimentary subscriptions and any other materials to all prisoners who request them. We also strongly encourage all prisoners to write us and let us know about the conditions inside the prison walls. In this way, we will be better able to inform the entire multi-national working class about the struggle of the brothers and sisters in prison.



SHARPEN THE STRUGGLE IN THE TRADE UNIONS



IN INDIANA

Striking workers at Essex Group, Inc., in Elwood, Indiana refused to be intimidated by violent company attacks. Over 220 workers, more than 80% women, struck this multi-plant corporation, which makes electrical switches for the major auto companies, in early April. Essex provoked the walk-out by offering a "non-negotiable" contract which gave a meager raise over current base pay of \$2.76 an hour. Essex, which has a long union-busting history, had erected a wire fence around the plant and imported special armed guards from out of state before talks ever began.

The company's tactics included a court order limiting pickets, police harassment and hiring scabs. Company thugs have been shooting at workers for months. A dozen pickets have been injured by cars driven by scabs and foremen. Also, over thirty workers have been arrested in attempts to prevent trucks from leaving the plant with parts manufactured by scabs. Now, Essex has warned strikers that they will be permanently replaced by scabs. As the company, with police assistance, brought more and more scabs into the plant, workers knew a decertification election would destroy their union, so they courageously took up arms and laid siege to keep scabs and guards in the plant, and to prevent new scabs from entering.

Now the state has called 60 state troopers to keep the "peace" and

allow Essex scabs to be escorted into the plant. But the workers have pledged not to surrender.

COAL

Huge wildcat strikes in the southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky coal fields broke out over news of sharp cutbacks in health and retirement benefits.

About 35,000 United Mine Worker miners downed tools and shut down mines in protest against plans that by July 1, they will have to pay the first \$250 of their hospital bills and 40% of their doctor bills. Previously, the 821,000 beneficiaries of the UMWA Health and Retirement Fund, jointly run by the UMWA and coal operators, received full benefits at no cost.

The fund, which covers retired and disabled miners as well as working miners and their families, is crucial. Miners face crippling injuries and black lung disease because of dangerous working conditions in the mines.

The Bituminous Coal Operators Association, the organized voice of the coal companies, claimed the cutbacks were necessary because of a great increase in wildcat strikes this year. They claim strikes have depleted the health fund. The fund is financed through productivity paid by mine owners based on man-hours worked and tons of coal mined.

The UMWA misleaders quickly

urged miners to return to work immediately. The miners were threatened with even greater cuts in their benefits in an effort to curtail their strike activity.

The cutbacks are an obvious attempt to threaten miners' militancy as capitalists and trade union bureaucrats prepare for the new contract in December.

Miners know that if they don't defend their rights and hard-earned benefits, they can expect a worsening of their rotten safety conditions, enforced overtime, inadequate black lung benefits and a more concerted effort to destroy their union.

MEAT CUTTERS

The meat cutters strike against Iowa Beef is continuing into its fourth month. The meat cutters struck the nation's largest beef packer at its Dakota City, Nebraska plant.

Iowa Beef has a long history of anti-unionism and substandard wages. The wage rate is one dollar an hour less than the rate paid by the other major meat packing companies. Though the Dakota City plant is shut down, Iowa Beef's other plants continue to ship boxed beef and other meat products throughout the U.S. Workers are asking people to support their strike by boycotting Iowa Beef products and urging grocers not to carry them.

The LAW

A federal judge has recently ruled that a federal law barring employers from financing lawsuits against labor unions by "dissident" union members is unconstitutional. Previously, it had been illegal for anyone to collect money from employers to support suits by discontented union members.

Ten major unions led by the United Auto Workers (UAW), Machinists and AFSCME (American Federated State, County and Municipal Employees) filed suit in 1973 to stop the National Right to Work Committee and its legal foundation from financing suits against unions.

It was ruled, however, that the law, which makes it illegal "to directly or indirectly finance, encourage or participate in" court action, interferes with the rights of petition, association and speech protected by the First Amendment.

Now the Right to Work Committee and the rest of the capitalist class can freely spend millions of dollars encouraging foremen, scabs and class traitors to challenge health, safety and security protection in union contracts. This will also seriously weaken the financial resources of unions, adding further financial burdens to workers.

The ruling will clearly aid the capitalists in their never-ending attempts to destroy the labor unions ability to be fighting organizations of the working class.

THE FIGHT FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IN FOUNDRIES

In the last issue of UNITE!, we wrote about OSHA's clean-up program for foundries. We showed that the OSHA program was dying a bureaucratic death before it even gets started.

We explained that the working class should utilize OSHA to the utmost to protect the lives and limbs of workers, but that the working class can never rely on agencies like OSHA. Such agencies are arms of the capitalist state, and therefore, exist to protect the property rights of capitalists, whether or not the human rights and needs of workers are protected.

We also showed how the "criticism" of OSHA by the opportunist and revisionist (phony communist) leadership of unions like UE (United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers) is just a cover for their class collaboration, because their "criticism" starts from the assumption that the state and its agencies are not tools of our class enemy, and that workers should rely on them and simply reform them.

Foundries are among the most unhealthy workplaces in all of capitalist industry. It is well known that the accident rate in foundries is exceeded only in mining and construction. But the health of foundry workers has been carefully ignored in the U.S. Private physicians know next to nothing of occupational conditions and diseases. OSHA has no physicians on its staff, nor do most of our unions. And the company doctors in the mills and shops are clearly in the service of the capitalists, and in fact obstruct the delivery of health care to workers.

History has proven that the capitalists have no interest in improving the conditions of the working class. From the capitalists' point of view, it is simply a matter of economics: "a quick succession of unhealthy and short-lived generations will keep the labor market as well supplied as a series of vigorous and long-lived generations" (Karl Marx).

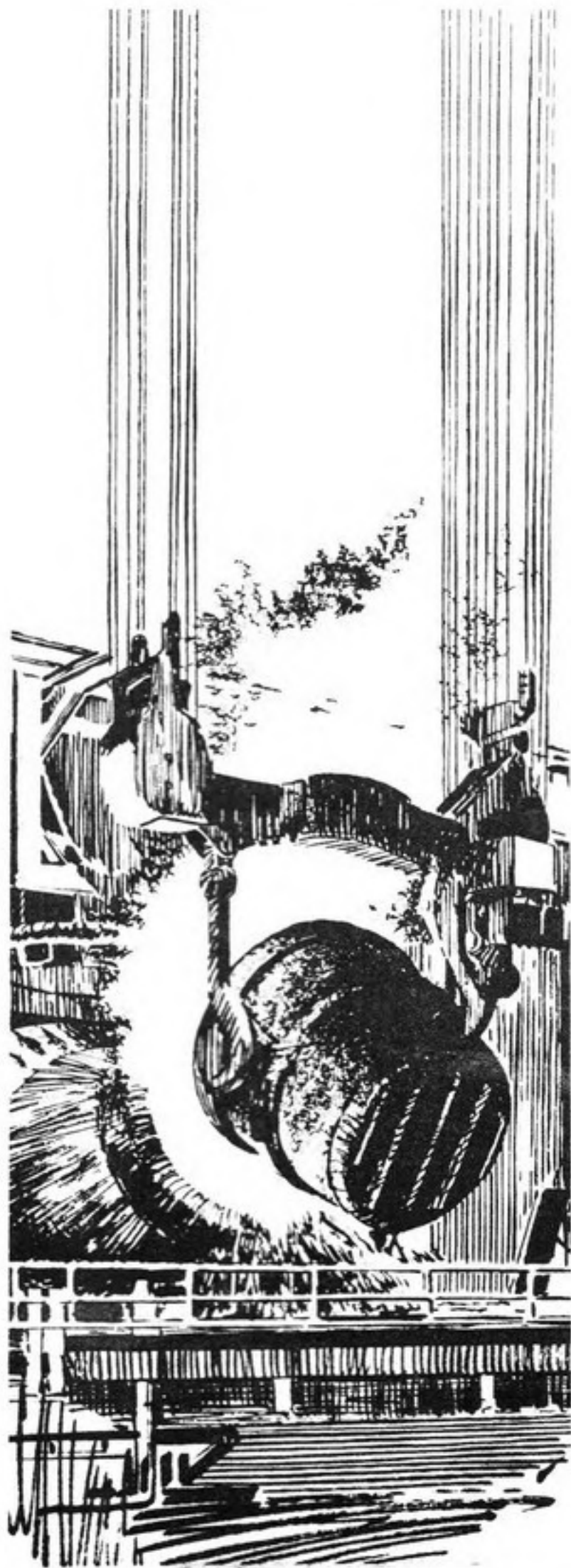
But the barbaric health conditions (see box on next page) in foundries are not necessary: the material means exist to protect the health of foundry workers. From the point of view of the working class, from the standpoint of the

history of class struggle, it is a matter of the relative strength of the two classes. In the long run, the abuse of our bodies by the capitalists will only end when the working class holds political power and socialist industry is run for the benefit of all the people, instead of for the profit of a handful.

But in the meantime, the working class is forced to engage in a day-to-day guerilla war to survive, to stay whole, and to build its strength for the final battle with the capitalist class.

Success in the day-to-day struggle, and victory in the overall struggle for power, require that the workers be well-organized and united. We have to build our unions into class-struggle organizations that can gather the strength of all the workers. To do that, we have to rid our unions of the opportunist leaders who preach reliance on the capitalist state to "save" us from the capitalists, who want to limit us to petty struggles for partial reforms, and who even refuse to lead those struggles. They sap our strength in the face of the enemy, and objectively, they have helped to maintain the outrageous conditions in the foundries, (as shown in

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last month's article) They serve the interests of a small privileged stratum of workers who have allied themselves with the capitalists, and therefore they have no place in the ranks of the working class.

The rank-and-file foundry workers have to fight for their own program of demands, and they have to organize to make those demands the demands of the union. Those

members of the union bureaucracy who refuse (and most of them will refuse) to come along with the masses must be thrown aside and replaced with class-conscious workers.

Aside from the many specific demands that apply to particular work situations, the following are some of the broader demands that should be taken up by foundry

workers — and other workers, too

BASIC PROGRAM FOR HEALTH

1 Our contracts should specify that no worker be required to work a job until he or she has been informed of the health risks involved and of the consequences of not wearing hearing protectors, respirators, ultra-violet lenses, etc. The system of punishing workers for not using safety equipment (which is aimed only at protecting the companies from liability suits) must be replaced with a program to educate workers about the scientifically known reasons for protecting themselves.

2 We must force the companies to use plant engineering, in preference to individual protective equipment, to reduce or eliminate exposure to health hazards. This is what OSHA recommends.

3 Yearly tests on every worker to detect the diseases and conditions listed on this page. Our unions must have the authority to supervise these tests. Test results

must be interpreted by properly qualified experts who are independent of the companies. The results of the tests should be given to the workers themselves, in an easily understandable form.

4 We must demand that our unions hire inspectors and doctors, and these must have all the rights of access and information that OSHA inspectors and company doctors have.

5 We must get our unions to fight for better laws requiring compensation for damage already done to our bodies. We should demand automatic silicosis compensation benefits for every worker with a certain number of years of foundry employment.

Class-conscious workers should organize themselves to start agitating for these demands, educating their fellow workers about the health hazards in foundries and about the need to take the unions back from the bureaucrats in order to carry out these demands. ★

Health Hazards in Foundries

In the foundries there are seven main diseases which workers must understand in order to lay a basis for health demands.

SILICOSIS

This disease is caused by the dust and silica particles from the sand used in casting molds. Only the very smallest particles cause this disease. There are no studies of the rate of silicosis in the U.S., but it has been found in from 2% to 13% of foundry workers in England. It is most common and severe among chippers and grinders.

Silicosis takes anywhere from a couple of years to several years to develop, depending on the amount of dust and the individual's resistance. Once a worker has it, it does not get better and will continue even after he leaves the foundry. Cigarettes make it worse but do not cause it.

The symptoms are few in the beginning, but when it advances it is much like miners' black lung or textile workers' brown lung. It causes emphysema, with shortness of breath and a cough. Later, the heart is affected and the worker is completely incapacitated, unable to walk even a few feet without gasping for air.

Silicosis may be discovered by medical tests, the most important being a chest X-ray and breathing tests (pulmonary function test). It shows up on the X-ray as tiny spots or sometimes as many fine lines. Silicosis is difficult to see, and the ordinary doctor, or even an X-ray specialist may not pick it up, and a company doctor may deny its presence. An expert must read the X-ray, preferably an expert carefully selected by the workers and their unions. This test could be done more accurately and pick up lung diseases sooner, but the companies, OSHA, and the medical profession do not use it this way.

Silicosis is a maimer and killer, it has no cure other than prevention. It is found wherever sand or hard rock is mined or used extensively.

TUBERCULOSIS

Silicosis predisposes a person to tuberculosis, so TB is relatively common among foundry workers. The symptoms are a cough, sometimes with blood, weight loss and occasionally fever. It can be discovered by a simple skin test, as well as chest X-ray and sputum or phlegm tests.

BRONCHITIS

This is caused by dusts constantly irritating the air passages. Many foundry workers suffer from this and become predisposed to severe infections and pneumonia. The symptoms are a cough, and breathlessness at times, which may be mild at first but becomes constant, with large amounts of sputum or phlegm. It can lead to emphysema and later to heart problems.

LUNG CANCER

The cause is not understood, except that it is associated with dusts. The symptoms are few, mostly a cough and weight loss, the result is death. Chest X-ray helps to find it, but usually it is seen too late. Many "experts" and all foundry owners deny there is any connection between foundry work and lung cancer.

HEARING LOSS

The thundering and ringing noises of a foundry lead to nerve damage in the ears. At first it becomes hard to hear voices in a crowd or at a party, later people have to shout to make themselves heard. There is no cure. A hearing test will easily detect this loss early. Ear protectors help, and the muff-type are best but good noise engineering is better.

HEAT EXPOSURE

Every foundry worker is familiar with heat exhaustion and stroke, but few know its real significance in the long term, because the capitalists avoid studying it. Severe heat affects arteries, heart and kidneys. It remains for our class to prove exactly how and what our bodies pay for the profits of the foundry owners.

ARTHRITIS

The constant stress and violence placed on joints, especially by the air hammers used by chippers, causes arthritis, usually worst in the hands. There is no good treatment, and the result is constant pain and poor function. Arthritis is not just a matter of getting old, but of getting old under the constant exploitation of capitalism.

In addition, there are other hazards, like iron particles, lead, copper, and zinc fumes, and ultra-violet light. But the diseases and conditions listed above are ones that foundry workers could have told the doctors, scientists, and government agencies about a hundred years ago. ★

The Struggle Against the LABOR ARISTOCRACY

CRAFT UNIONS DIVIDE WORKERS AT KROPP FORGE

Keeping the working class divided is one of the goals of the bourgeoisie. Without unity the working class cannot strike a decisive blow at the ruling class. One of the most effective ways of dividing workers, even in one plant, is through the labor aristocracy. This bribed sector of the working class puts its narrow self-interest above the long term interests of the whole working class.

At Kropp Forge Co. in Cicero, Illinois, this type of disunity and self-interest is evident. It can easily be seen in the three different unions at the plant: Local 1248 of the Boilermakers, Die Sinkers Lodge 100, and Local 399 of the Operating Engineers. The Die Sinkers and Operating Engineers are skilled craft unions, the historic home of the labor aristocracy. They have restrictive policies towards minorities and women. At Kropp there are only two Blacks in the Die Sinkers Union, both in the lowest grade of die polisher.

The majority of workers are in the Boilermakers, whose beginning wage is about \$5.00 an hour. Engineers and die sinkers receive about \$8.00 an hour, and trimmer die sinkers get about \$7.00. In 1973 when the Boilermakers went out on strike for higher wages both the Die Sinkers and Operating Engineers crossed the picket lines and worked along with the foremen and management personnel.

TRADE UNION UNITY — INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

The fight to have trade union unity, on the basis of industrial unions, has been a demand of the U.S. working class for many years. Major gains were made with the organization of the United Auto Workers, and the United Steel Workers. But the narrow self-interest of the craft unions holds back this development in construction, shipyards and at places like Kropp Forge.

The working class must take up the struggle against the narrow self-interest of the labor aristocracy and their craft unionism. We must raise the demand for an end to craft unionism and for one industrial union for each industry. This struggle must be taken up on a national scale, but in the mean-time at Kropp Forge we must push for all three unions to sign an agreement to honor each other's picket lines.

(In the next article we will deal with the role of the labor aristocracy within the Boilermakers Union at Kropp Forge.)

PIVOT OF OUR TACTICS in the Labor Movement



Struggle Brews in Chicago/Gary Area "Big 10" Steel

The election for president of the 1,500,000 member United Steel Workers of America and the new contract with the Big 10 steel producers received a great deal of attention earlier this year. What is now clear, is that far from settling any issues, both the election and the contract failed to deal with most of the basic day to day demands of steel workers. Questions of incentives, safety, and seniority remained unresolved on the local level. Trying to resolve these local issues exposed sharply the lack of democracy in the USWA not only are steel workers denied the right to vote on their national contract, but they must get permission from the International before they can even vote to decide to strike over local issues. And, if they do vote to strike, they have to get permission from the International President before they can actually go out on strike.

In the Chicago/Gary area, District 31 of the USWA, where 20% of the nation's steel is produced, 5 of the 6 largest steel plants had outstanding local issues unresolved after the national contract was signed. Bethlehem Steel, Burns Harbor plant, resolved the local issues before a strike vote was taken. The Inter-

national refused to allow Local 65 at U.S. Steel, South Works, to take a strike vote — a slap in the face from the McBride administration to Sadlowski's home local.

At Republic Steel on Chicago's South side, the 4300 members of Local 1033 voted 2 to 1 in favor of a strike. But the rank and file do not get to vote even on the settlement of local issues and the bureaucrats sold out the struggle and signed a local agreement far short of what the workers wanted. Although workers won increased incentives in some departments and some improvement in notoriously bad working conditions, only 21 of the original 53 unresolved issues were settled, with 5 more being "partially settled." In general, the settlement was an extension of the national sell-out, with the union's International representative on the bargaining committee "disqualifying" many of the most important demands before the talks even began, because they were not "local issues."

At Inland Steel Co. in East Chicago, almost 100% of the workers in Local 1010, one of the largest locals in the USWA, turned out to authorize a strike. The company attempted to intimidate workers and did a big campaign to turn out the NO vote. They even went so far as to shut down departments and bus workers to the polls to get out the NO vote. But this tactic backfired and the vote was 7,694 to 6,849 in favor of a strike. Of the 300 unresolved issues, the major de-

mands center on the lack of a seniority agreement (Inland did not sign the 1974 Consent Decree and there are more than 1,100 different seniority units in the plant!), working conditions in the coke plant, including transfer rights at the coke batteries, and an extension of relief periods, and, better incentive rates.

At Interlake Steel Co.'s South Deering coke ovens and blast furnaces in Chicago, the demands are similar. Interlake is the nation's 11th largest steel producer, but neither the workers in Local 1657, nor those at Interlake's steel producing plant in Riverdale, Illinois (members of Local 1053) are covered by the USW master contract. As one of the "me too" companies (USWA's Metallurgical II Division), Interlake's contract usually matches the national contract pretty closely. This year the "me too" workers are just as dissatisfied as those of the Big 10 steel plants. One of the major demands is for better working conditions and safety conditions at the Torrence Ave coke ovens, which are so unhealthy the plant is currently being sued by both federal and state environmental protection agencies for failure to control emissions from the batteries. Other demands include increases in a company attendance bonus (a form of incentives), limitations on the amount of work contracted out to the non-USWA workers, and an end to compulsory overtime. Some workers are still forced to work 24 or 36 hours straight. The company maintains they have the "right" to make people work these hours. A September 1 strike at the Torrence Ave plant would stop the flow of pig iron to both Interlake's River-



Lloyd McBride has refused to allow a strike vote over local issues at U.S. Steel, South Work, Chicago, Local 65 of USW

dale plant and to Valley Mold and Iron, one of the nation's major producers of ingot molds.

The struggles at these plants and the failure/refusal of the trade union bureaucrats, both local and international, to fight for even these basic economic demands of the workers, show that the first step steel workers must take on the road to taking their union out of the hands of the agents of the ruling class, is to demand the right to ratify contracts and the right to strike. This is a basic question of democracy in the trade unions. It will provide the basis for eventually gaining real proletarian leadership of the USWA. ★

BRACH WORKERS REJECT TEAMSTER BUREAUCRATS' SELL-OUT

On Friday, July 15, workers at Brach Candy Company in Chicago wildcatted in response to a bad contract proposal from the company and against union misleadership. The company and the bureaucrats, without consulting the rank and file, agreed to extend the contract for a week after it expired.

The workers were demanding a \$75 an hour raise the first year, and \$50 a year for the next two years. The company had offered only \$110 over the three years. In addition, the workers are demanding a full forty hour week.

Last week, the company announced that the strike was over. The bureaucrats had not even waited until the vote from the rank and file was in before they decided to reach agreement with the company. The workers refused to return to work, rejecting the sellout by the bureaucrats. At the time this paper goes to press the Brach workers are still holding their line despite pressure from the company, police, and the bureaucrats. ★

Bennie Lenard Trial Date Set

After months of delays and harassment, the state finally has set a trial date for Bennie Lenard, a worker at International Harvester's Melrose Park plant who was brutally beaten by Melrose Park police in January of this year. In an attempt to cover up the actions of the police, the state has brought nine phony charges against Lenard. Illinois state Attorney General, Bernard Carey, has refused to release the Grand Jury report of the investigation of the police, but he is still going ahead with the criminal charges against Lenard. The trial date was set for July 26, but defense lawyers plan to present several motions and Lenard himself is not well enough to stand trial. The

actual trial is likely to begin in August or September.

The Chicago Area Bennie Lenard Defense Committee mobilized to have a large turn-out for the July 26th date and plan for an even larger action at the start of the trial.

At the International Harvester plant, support for Bennie Lenard is strong. The state picked this trial date because the plant was on a shut down for the first three weeks in July and most workers were out of town, making it hard to mobilize people. Helping the state to keep support from building are the trade union bureaucrats of Local 6 of the United Auto Workers. They have done everything to sabotage the work of the Union Committee, for

months they have been talking about having a fund raiser in August, but as we go to press there are still no concrete plans. But the stalling by the bureaucrats and the lack of any real leadership in the union committee has not been enough to kill the support that the workers at IH and plants all over Chicago feel for Bennie Lenard.

**DEFEND BENNIE LENARD!
COME TO THE TRIAL!**

(For information about exact dates, contact the Chicago Area Bennie Lenard Defense Committee - PO Box 5293, Chicago, Illinois 60680)



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Despite the increasing dangers to the miners, only 7 of the 152 miners have left the strike. To date 7 people have been shot during regular picket line skirmishes between the Storm Security guards and the strikers. It is just a matter of time until someone is killed.

NATIONWIDE DRIVE TO SMASH UMWA

Southeastern Kentucky has long been the focus of some of the most bloody and bitter battles to organize miners. In the 1930's these battles led to the first federal legislation concerning miners' right to organize.

In the 1940's John L. Lewis signed a national contract with the coal operators which allowed coal mining to be mechanized. He believed that mechanization would aid miners by greatly increasing production and that would bring more royalties into the UMWA Welfare and Retirement Fund. Instead, employment in the mines dropped more than 60% over the next 13 years. This extremely high unemployment laid the basis for coal operators to drive the UMWA out of southeastern Kentucky in the 50's and early 60's. At Stearns, the UMWA was replaced by a worthless company union, the Southern Labor Union.

In the early 1970's, the UMWA began attempts to reorganize in southeastern Kentucky. The 13-month strike at the Brookside Mine, in 1973-4, was the only real effort made by the International, before the Stearns drive.

The strike at Brookside was won only after adverse publicity against the owner, Duke Power, for the murder of a miner. The situation at Stearns is similar, but even more desperate.

SAFETY FOR MINERS, SURVIVAL FOR UMWA

The national contract gives the local union safety committee the right to bring the miners out of the mine if there is imminent danger. It is on this provision that the Blue Diamond is drawing the line.

Blue Diamond owns 3 mines: Stearns, Scotia, and Leatherwood. Scotia has never been unionized, and it is a very gaseous mine which makes it a more dangerous place to work. In 1976, 26 miners were

killed in two successive explosions at Scotia, and since the beginning of 1977, Scotia has been cited for over 300 violations of federal safety laws, but the mine has not been closed down even once. The Stearns mine is the same kind of dangerous, gaseous mine.

STATE COMES TO RESCUE OF BLUE DIAMOND

The capitalist state has taken various measures to help Blue Diamond win this strike. State police escort guards and management across the picket lines.

The courts have limited the number of picketers by injunction. The NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) has filed charges against the union for "unfair labor practices" relating to the injunction, meanwhile, the violence of the company guards goes unpunished and unrecognized.

Thirty-one people, — 27 strikers, one union organizer, and three townspeople — have been charged with kidnapping, grand larceny and assault on some security guards. These charges stem from an incident which began as an attempt by the company gun thugs to intimidate a striker at his home. Their trial is scheduled to begin October 25th.

MILLER DESERTS STEARNS MINERS

While the struggle between the miners and the operators and their goons has reached an intense level, the UMWA bureaucracy has failed to provide the kind of support the miners need. The bureaucrats are doing only those things they absolutely have to, like paying strike benefits. They have not mobilized the membership of the union, or even attempted to win wide public support.

Arnold Miller and the other trade union bureaucrats fail to realize that without a nationwide plan to organize the expanding coal production, the union will easily be smashed by the coal operators. Arnold Miller has turned his back on the rank and file and is consumed with stopping miners' unrest rather than building the union.

BUILD SUPPORT FOR STEARNS MINERS

As the expiration date of the national contract approaches, the capitalist class is increasing its propaganda about a growing energy shortage as part of its plan to divide the working class and use other workers as their allies in busting the UMWA. The working class must not be duped by this divide and conquer strategy of the capitalist class. ★

Support the Stearns Miners!

HISTORY OF U.M.W.A. ORGANIZING AT THE JUSTUS MINE STEARNS, KENTUCKY

- 1930's — Justus Mine first organized by UMWA under John L. Lewis.
- 1940's — UMWA signed a national contract with the BCOA to allow mechanization of the mining process.
- 1947 - 1960 — Employment in coal mining dropped from 450,000 to 170,000.
- 1950's — UMWA driven out of Stearns.
- 1975 — Blue Diamond Coal Company bought the Justus Mine.
- March, 1976 — Miners at Stearns voted to join the UMWA and kick out the Southern Labor Union.
- July 17, 1976 — Stearns miners struck to force Blue Diamond to sign a contract with the UMWA, closing the mine.
- January 1977 — Blue Diamond brought in gun thugs as "security guards" to protect the mine who began shooting at the picket line with a machine gun.
- March 1977 — Blue Diamond got a court injunction against strikers restricting the picket line to 6 miners. Mine continued to be closed and gun battles increased.
- May 1977 — 27 strikers, 1 UMWA organizer and 3 townspeople were charged with kidnapping, grand larceny and assault on the security guards. Court fined the UMWA \$4000 for violations of the injunction and forced UMWA to post \$100,000 peace bond as protection against further violations.
- June 24, 1977 — Stearns Mine Women's Club organized a rally at Blue Diamond's headquarters in Knoxville, Tenn. 200 people attended.
- July 1977 — Blue Diamond brought in another machine gun and police dogs.
- July 8, 1977 — Stearns Mine Women's Club organized a rally in Stearns, Kentucky. 500 people attended including UMWA rank and file from Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.



Class war zone Stearns mining company thugs stand behind heavily fortified barricade. Workers have dug foxholes to protect their picket line.

The Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee is initiating the organizing of support committees for the Stearns miners among workers in other industries. All workers have a vital interest in defending the miners at Stearns, who are in the forefront of the struggle to organize the unorganized, and to defend the miners this winter, when they are

forced — both by the operators and by Miller's misleadership — to go on national strike.

The miners in the UMWA are receiving some of the most vicious blows of the capitalist class, and are being most disastrously betrayed by the union bureaucrats. LET US ALL STAND WITH THE MINERS!



CRUISE MISSILE

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THE NEUTRON BOMB

The most spectacular splash in the press has been the exposure that the U S has been testing and is now ready to produce the neutron bomb. These relatively small bombs minimize blast and heat effects while releasing deadly short-lived radiation that will spread and penetrate buildings and shelters. Though this bomb is said to be directed solely at Soviet troops, the revisionists of the U S S R have in fact expressed little concern. Unlike the American people they have been fully aware of the neutron bomb all along. Besides, they also know that in the imperialist war, the Soviet Union will be hit. With the logic of all imperialists who simply can not imagine their own defeat, an attack by the neutron bomb is better than other nuclear alternatives. You can always get more wage slaves for the factories once you win.

Although it is strategically unimportant, the neutron bomb does show once again the length the capitalists will go. In their fight for profits and plunder, the imperialists will continue to adopt the most criminal means, and not just against the troops of other imperialist nations. With the inevitable escalation of proletarian revolutionary struggle here and in other industrial countries, we can expect bourgeois use of the neutron bomb on concentrations of the working class in factory zones and residential areas.

Although not generally useful against the dispersed struggles of national liberation movements, the neutron bomb is likely to be used in urban centers. There too, certainly, we can expect its use against the OPEC countries (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) where it will be used by the imperialists to avoid damaging pumping facilities yet quell resistance that would make the wells useless.

advantages to the U S. They are extremely accurate. They, like the displaced B-1 and the Russian's own Backfire bomber, can fly below the current defense radar networks. Though individually vulnerable, there is presently no known defense against a shot-gun like attack of Cruise missiles where literally thousands are released. With a comparatively low cost of \$1 million each, the administration plans to produce up to 10,000 of them.

An additional benefit for the U S military, badly burned by insurrection and insubordination in Indo-China, is that they require no crew. The piloted B-1 bombers with a range of 6000 miles would have required refueling for a round trip to the U S S R. For many B-1 crews this would have meant a kamikaze, no-return mission even if not shot

remotely and the Polaris subs from the depths of the oceans, the B-1 bomber was to carry on the tradition of the heroes who have always won the hearts of the U S Congress. These worthies, the heads of the bomber building corporations, and the trade union bureaucrats in the affected industries, have claimed that without the B-1 the U S would be in serious jeopardy.

CP(ML) SCOLDS CARTER

Refusing to examine the strategic implications of the Carter decision to concentrate on the Cruise missile, the Communist Party (ML), in a recent editorial, has disgracefully joined the most chauvinist chorus of bureaucrats and corporate owners, in support of the B-1. Although they cite and do not dispute Carter's all too modest claim that the Cruise missile will adequately replace the proposed B-1 bomber, they still conclude that dropping the B-1 is really appeasement. Stating that the U S imperialists "remain committed to a course of heightened rivalry with the Soviet social-imperialists", (as if they had much choice!) they go on to say

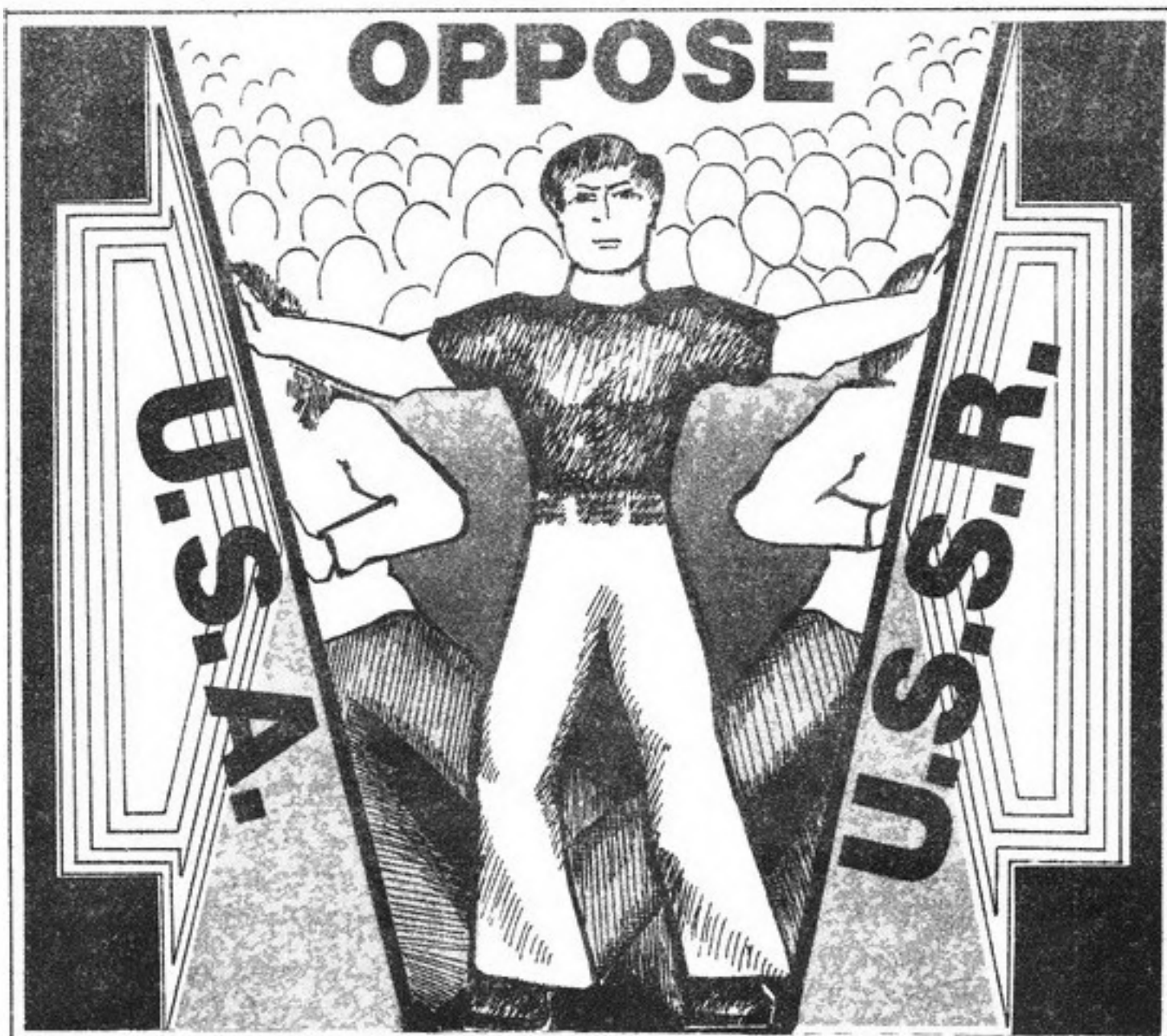
"Carter and his circle, however,

have carried out this rivalry by appeasing Soviet aggression to a great extent. The decision to drop the B-1 bomber must be considered in line with other appeasement policies. The Soviet Union is already putting a similar weapon, the Backfire bomber, into use, thus gaining yet another military advantage over the U S" (The CALL, Editorial, July 11)

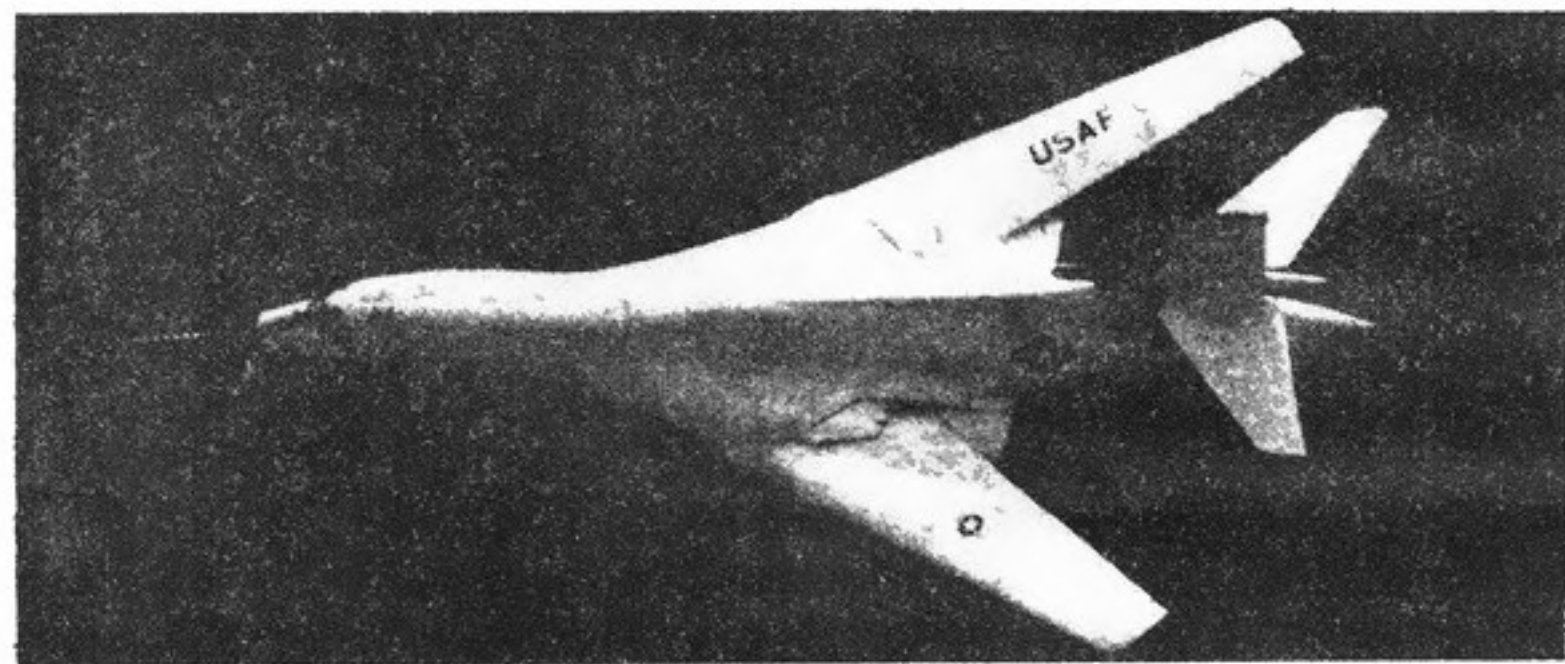
Not once does the CP(ML) suggest that the U S Cruise missile represents a leap-frogging over the U S B-1 bomber and the U S S R Backfire stage. Not once do they even note that the U S S R does not have the Cruise missile and cannot develop it in the near future. By the mane logic of the CP(ML), if the absence of the B-1 bomber in the presence of the Backfire means the U S is appeasing the U S S R, then, the absence of the Cruise missile in the U S S R arsenal would have to mean that the U S S R would be appeasing the U S! Obviously the U S S R is not appeasing the U S. And the U S decision to build the Cruise missile and drop the B-1 is an extremely aggressive action, not appeasement.

But with the CP(ML), logical consistency, much less the correct application of Marxism-Leninism to inform the working class, is not the point. For the CP(ML) it is standard to refer to some ideas of Marxism-Leninism, distort facts, and then draw the conclusions they want without much regard for the relationship of the parts.

The completely mistaken analysis of the CP(ML) in "What's Behind Carter's B-1 Decision?" holds back the preparation of the class for both revolution and war. Our answer to war and the escalating war preparations of the U S and Soviet rulers must be carrying out actions for the overthrow of bourgeois rule, the conquest of political power, not chiding the U S bourgeoisie for not arming itself adequately. In fact, the evidence is that the U S bourgeoisie is aggressively building up its arsenal. The working class must expose and oppose the Cruise missiles, and the neutron bombs and all the other weapons that are ultimately directed at the workers and people of the world, not falsely raise the cry of appeasement over the by-passing of the B-1 bomber. ★



IMPERIALIST WAR!



The B 1 Bomber — the last of the piloted bombers has been phased out in favor of the Cruise Missile, a major step forward in U S imperialists aggressive war preparations.

THE CRUISE MISSILE

Much more upsetting than the neutron bomb to the U S S R rulers is the Carter administration's plan to go ahead with the production of the Cruise missile. After the U S announcement of this decision, the U S S R immediately and sharply condemned the U S for pushing ahead with another weapons system.

At the present time the U S S R is unable to copy the U S Cruise missile or develop a substitute. For the last several years one of its main goals in the arms talks has been to delay the use of the Cruise missile.

These missiles will provide great

down before unloading. Such orders are not always followed when given in the cause of imperialist aggression.

THE B-1 DECISION

Before deciding to embark on its new strategic plans, the U S bourgeoisie had been involved in an on-again, off-again plan to build the B-1 bomber. Though seemingly Number 1, the B-1 bomber was in fact the last of a long line of planes that formed the third leg of American nuclear firepower. The other two are the land-based ICBM's (Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles) and the Polaris subs. With the ICBM's fired



Painting by Tom Lea from WW II

**STRUGGLE FOR THE MASSES****RCP/RWC ATTEMPT TO CON BLACK MASSES**

The history of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) from its inception as the Revolutionary Union (RU) in California has been marked by national chauvinism toward the Black masses, denial of the struggle for democratic rights, and revisionism of Marxist-Leninist theory on every major question. The program of the RCP is not a program of a communist party, but a textbook of revisionist and chauvinist teachings.

By its negative example, the RCP has taught the working class many valuable lessons. This is especially

not by correcting its own chauvinist line, but in collusion with the Revolutionary Workers Congress (RWC), the faction most responsible for wrecking the Black Workers Congress.

The first action of this duet this last spring was to join with the Workers Viewpoint Organization (WVO) in pulling apart the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC). Their next step was to wrap themselves in the mantle of African Liberation Day as the leading organizers of the ALD

moting this campaign has been the RWC.

The RWC carries out practically no work in the trade unions, does not build factory nuclei, has not stated a program on party building, trade unions and other questions, and issues no regular newspaper or other agitation and propaganda. To this day they are not clear whether an oppressed nation exists in the Black Belt or not. Recently, several of its cadre left for these and other reasons. The current RWC leadership has proven over the years to follow a self-serving, careerist and unprincipled course. From the outset, the RWC has not followed the path of Marxism-Leninism, but social democracy.

At the time of the Black Workers Congress split, the MLOC publicly stated that the RWC was heading into the laps of the RCP, and that is where they have wound up.

On May 29, a closed gathering of RCP-RWC forces was held in Baltimore to plan for a new ALSC, to be called the "Organizing Committee for a new ALSC." The plan is to build chapters of the ALSC in cities where the RCP has a presence, tie the ALSC to the RCP's Revolutionary Student Brigade through a variety of campus activities, plan a tour of Africa by the new ALSC/RCP representatives, and hold a conference next year to consolidate work. Vickie Garvin of the RCP was selected national coordinator, Danny Brown and Askia of the RWC are National Organizers, and Abdul Akalimat is National Political Secretary.

In a letter of 6/19/77 to the Organizing Committee for the new ALSC from the Atlanta ALSC, a series of criticisms are raised over the line that pulled together the new ALSC, the selection of leadership, and the course that has been charted. The letter asks, "Why weren't all expelled ALSC chapters invited?" Who selected the national leadership and how? Correctly criticizing the RCP-RWC manipulations, Atlanta ALSC concludes "We need to build the spirit of proletarian internation-

alism among the masses of the American working class now. That is why we oppose the subversion of the principles of a democratic mass organization as we see it in the dynamics of the May 29 conference and the OC's plans for the organization."

Many, such as the corrupt WVO, have stated that the struggle against the RCP is a "settled question." We do not see it that way. In the working class movement, among the masses, the RCP is actively pursuing its revisionist and national chauvinist line. They are recruiting workers into their organization, have achieved some presence in steel and other industries, and are building their National Workers Organization on a broad scale. The RCP, like all revisionists, will be defeated and exposed in the course of day to day class struggle; not just on paper.

At the same time, there are indications of trouble within the ranks and resistance against the RCP command. After nearly 10 years of existence, REVOLUTION, their party press, is still a monthly and appears irregularly. There is no surer sign of weakness in an organization than the irregularity of its press.

But the RCP, like other social props of the bourgeoisie, will not go away or fall of its own corruption, it must be swept aside in the heat of the class struggle. Though a smaller obstacle to the unity of the working class than its big brother, the Communist Party USA, it must be recognized as a significant force among the ranks of the workers and one against which we must direct consistent exposure and struggle.

By defending the principles of Marxism-Leninism and waging protracted struggle against modern revisionism, the working class will sweep aside the RCP and other social props. The gains of the RCP among the Black masses in the short run may be significant, but in the long run, the RCP, like all revisionist factions, will be exposed and destroyed. ★



African Liberation Day 1977 Support for African struggles must be free from RCP/RWC manipulation UNITE! Photo

true on the Black National Question, which is the question of the existence of a Black Nation and the right of self-determination. It was over these issues that the former Black Workers Congress broke with the RU in 1973. It was largely over these issues that leading Black and white cadre left the RU in 1974. The revisionist theory of a "nation of a new type" (Red Papers 2 p12), the assertion that Marxist-Leninists no longer have to uphold Stalin's criteria for a nation, stood behind the RCP's defense of segregation and its stand on busing in Boston. This position put them in opposition to the Black masses. *

Since the end of last year, the RCP has sought to overcome the resulting isolation. It has done this

coalition. As participants in that coalition, we have noted in the pages of UNITE!, both the positive role of the demonstration and the unprincipled tactics of the RCP, such as deciding which Iranian Student Organization would be allowed to march. For the RCP-RWC, the importance of ALD was the role it played in positioning them to move on ALSC and the Black masses.

In recent weeks the RCP has been swinging around the country aiming its organizing efforts toward a new ALSC at the Black masses - in an effort to recoup the tremendous losses and isolation from the Black masses resulting from its national chauvinism over the last several years. Assisting and pro-

After Struggle, OAU Unites Against Imperialist Interference in Africa

The 14th Conference of the Organization for African Unity met in early July in Libreville, Gabon.

After sharp exchanges over territorial disputes and the role of the USSR in Africa, the OAU Conference united in several motions and actions to protect the unity of the continent.

Border disputes between Chad and Libya, Ethiopia and Libya, and Ethiopia and the Sudan were submitted to special committees.

These disputes represent not only a legacy from the colonialist past but the active neo-colonialist interference of imperialist powers, especially the U.S. and the USSR.

In the past two years, superpower contention and rivalry has been greatest in Southern Africa. Here it has taken the form of outright use of Cuban mercenaries in Angola, and Zaire by the USSR and the U.S. use of settler forces in Azania, Zimbabwe and Namibia. After debates where the role of the Soviet

Union was incorrectly put forward by some as helpful in the liberation of the African peoples, the OAU passed a resolution that condemned external interference, and the use of mercenaries in the internal affairs of the African states.

In resolutions on the national liberation struggle of the Zimbabwean people against the settler Rhodesian regime, the OAU stressed that armed struggle is now the most important fact. The African nations urged all of the Zimbabwean nat-

tional liberation groups to unite and work with the Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe. The two groups currently most active in armed resistance against the Rhodesian regime, ZANU and ZAPU, are already members of the Patriotic Front.

Linking up the struggles of the African peoples to other peoples of the poor and developing countries, the OAU also reaffirmed and provided financial support for Afro-Arab unity. ★



The PLA Has Always Pursued a Single Marxist-Leninist Line

UNITE! reprints this article from ALBANIA TODAY because we think that it has special significance to the working class movement in its efforts to build a new communist party. The lessons of this article go to the heart of the struggle against revisionism. The Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee, in the course of our work in the working class movement, continues to be actively involved in the struggle against both "left" and right deviations. This correct practice of not allowing incorrect lines to flourish has meant that we follow the one correct Marxist-Leninist line. Our work in the working class movement proves this out in practice. It has led us to repudiate the Trotskyite line of a communist movement that is separate from the working class movement. The struggle against Trotskyite trends has been taken up in the context of the struggle against modern revisionism — the greatest danger within the workers' movement. As a result of advances in the struggle against opportunism, we are now taking active roles in many important struggles of the working class, such as the Dawson Five case. Understanding the fatal result of deviations from Marxism-Leninism is being constantly deepened in our organization. This is a lesson which must be learned well. The struggle against all errors in an organization or party of the working class must strike at the root of deviations, quickly and aggressively. Otherwise, they will provide the basis for the emergence of a revisionist group within the ranks of the party. Consolidation of these incorrect lines ultimately will lead to the defeat of the party and the working class struggle for state power. To continuously ensure the leading role of the party it must always pursue a single Marxist-Leninist line.

THE 7TH CONGRESS OF THE PARTY OF LABOUR OF ALBANIA EMPHASIZED THAT «ONE OF THE MAIN FACTORS WHICH HAS ENABLED OUR PARTY TO ENSURE ITS LEADING ROLE, THE HEGEMONY OF THE WORKING CLASS IN SUCH A COMPLETE MONOLITHIC AND EFFECTIVE WAY, THROUGHOUT ITS WHOLE EXISTENCE IS ITS STEEL-LIKE IDEOLOGICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL UNITY»

THE CONGRESS ITSELF WAS A BRILLIANT MANIFESTATION OF THIS UNITY, FROM BEGINNING TO END IT WAS CHARACTERIZED BY UNITY OF OPINIONS, AND A SINGLE LINE WAS DEVELOPED, THE CONSISTENT MARXIST-LENINIST LINE OF THE PARTY, WHICH WAS FURTHER ENRICHED AND SUPPLEMENTED ON THE BASIS OF THE SUMMING UP OF THE REVOLUTIONARY EXPERIENCE ACCUMULATED IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION AND THE DEFENCE OF THE HOMELAND

The classics of Marxism-Leninism teach that for every revolutionary party of the working class, unity is the most powerful weapon to cope with the attacks of class enemies, to overcome difficulties and to carry out the programmatic tasks in the revolution and the construction of socialist and communist society. Lack of ideological and organisational unity in the revolutionary party, the crystallisation of factional currents and opposing anti-Marxist lines in its ranks turn it into a bourgeois-revisionist, social-democratic party, or destroy it completely. «A Marxist-Leninist party which is respected as such, says comrade Enver Hoxha, cannot allow the existence of two lines in the party, thus it cannot permit the existence of one or more factions. And if such a thing does occur, the party cannot and must not allow their existence even for a short time»

All the Marxist-Leninist parties destroyed or transformed into revisionist parties up till now have been destroyed or become revisionist because they have deviated from the Marxist-Leninist principles and allowed opposing lines and factional anti-Marxist trends to be formed and operate within their ranks, thus being unable to combat and liquidate them. The Khrushchevite revisionist trend which finally crystallized after the death of Stalin, managed to triumph over the Marxist-Leninist line and liquidate the Bolshevik Communist Party when this party became bogged down in routine, bureaucratic and lost its vigilance, and consequently, was not capable of using the revolutionary methods of struggle which it had once used to destroy the Mensheviks, the Trotskyites, the Bukha-

rites, the Zinovievites and other enemies, to eliminate the Khrushchevite revisionists

Revisionism has been unable to strike root or triumph in the Party of Labour of Albania, as it has done in many former communist and workers' parties, because the Party has not allowed inimical things to develop and get worse, has not allowed the views and activity of traitors and anti-party groups and elements in its ranks to turn into lines opposed to the Marxist-Leninist political line of the Party

As is known, throughout the history of the PLA, a number of enemies and traitors have emerged from its ranks, and dangerous factional groups have managed to be created. But in our Party, the enemy groups have been destroyed before they have been able to assume the form of a factional trend and an opposing line. Once exposed and attacked by the Central Committee, they have been attacked and smashed by the whole Party and the people. Thus the traitorous groups and elements have remained without open followers and disciples and have been liquidated

One of the groups which carried out extremely dangerous hostile activity was the Trotskyite group of Koçi Xoxe. This activity extended to many fields, especially in the internal life of the Party and the State Security Force. However, the anti-Marxist views which lay on the basis of this activity, did not reach the point of crystallising into a separate line. The 11th Plenum of the Central Committee (September 1948) and the 1st Congress of the Party (November 1948) which made an assessment of the political line of the Party for the period from

1945 to 1948, came to the conclusion that there were not two lines in the Party, but only one line, which was correct in general, although there were a number of distortions of it. These distortions were some mistaken anti-Marxist theses and practices smuggled into the line and activity of the PLA by the enemy group. They represented theses and practices of the Yugoslav Trotskyite-revisionist policy

The latest traitor groups of Fadil Paçiamë and Todi Lubonja, Beqir Balluku, Petrit Dume and Hito Cako, Abdyl Kellezi, Koco Theodhosi and Kico Ngjela were exposed and destroyed before the point of the crystallising of opposing lines and trends in the Party was reached

Faced with the monolithic unity of the Party, none of the enemy elements and groups have dared to oppose the line of the Party openly to come out with another opposing, political line because the great authority and steel-like unity of the Party has suppressed them and its sound links with the people have terrified them. Therefore, they have worked under the lap have tried to distort the line of the Party in one field or the other on this or that question, in its practical applica-



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tion to cause trouble, disorganisation, to avoid carrying out decisions and directives and political, economic, cultural, military and other tasks in order to create the impression that the line of the Party is not correct while awaiting the opportune moment to burst out, to attack with all their force. But this moment has never arrived, because they have been discovered and



Lenin and Stalin

The last chapter of the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevik) ended with the establishment of dual power — the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, as represented by the Provisional Government, and the dictatorship of the proletariat and the peasantry represented by the Soviet of Workers and Soldiers Deputies. The Bolsheviks set before themselves the task of patiently explaining to the masses of workers that a complete victory was a long way off — impossible until the compromisers (the Mensheviks and the Socialist-Revolutionaries) no longer controlled the Soviets

The compromising activity of the Mensheviks, however, still had

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influence among the masses, who still thought that a constitutional assembly would make things right. But the daily activities of the Provisional Government were proving them wrong, and it became clear that the dual power could not last long

After the February Revolution, the Bolsheviks began to carry on work openly and as it began its legal existence differences began to emerge. Many of the leaders of the Party were in jail or exile including Lenin, so there was a great lack of leadership. Lenin returned in April of that year and presented his April Theses, which provided a clear revolutionary line for the transition to socialism

CRISIS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

The Provisional Government pledged its loyalties to the tsarist treaties and promised to go on shedding the blood of the people for a "victorious finish". The people were outraged when they learned of this treachery, and 100,000 people turned out to demonstrate against this pledge. The soldiers, however, refused to carry out the orders to fire on the demonstrators. These events marked the beginnings of the crisis of the Provisional Government

During this time the Bolsheviks held a Bolshevik Conference. The conference laid down the basic Party line on all the main questions of the war and the revolution. The course that the Party should take

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and defend Marxism Leninism.

combated in time have been smashed ideologically and organisationally, and their views and activity have been liquidated. All the communists and the entire people, to a man have supported the decisions of the Plenums of the Central Committee and the Congresses of the Party and comrade Enver Hoxha in condemning these enemies and have risen to their feet

against any hostile thesis or work against any traitor element

This experience shows, on the one hand, that there is permanent danger of the creation of opposing anti-Marxist currents and lines in the ranks of the Party of the working class because of the fierce class struggle going on between socialism and capitalism, because of the uninterrupted and powerful pressure exerted on the Party by the external and internal class enemies. On the other hand, it shows that the birth and crystallisation of such trends and lines is not decreed by fate to be inevitable the way can be barred to them.

How has the Party of Labour of Albania managed to prevent the creation of opposing revisionist lines in its ranks?

Proceeding from the Marxist-Leninist principle that it is impermissible to have two lines in the Party, to allow factions to exist and act, the Party of Labour of Albania has unceasingly waged the class struggle with revolutionary methods, within and outside its ranks against enemies and anti-Marxist views, against violations and distortions of the directives, principles and norms of the Party against shortcomings and errors. This struggle has not been a struggle between two lines, but a struggle to safeguard, implement and enrich a single, Marxist-Leninist line in the tide of revolutionary actions, to preserve and strengthen the proletarian unity of the Party, leaving no loopholes.

The Party of Labour of Albania has not allowed itself to become intoxicated

with its successes, to become swelled and overcome with euphoria because of its strong unity, its correct line, its sound ties with the masses and the great victories achieved under its leadership. To combat and not permit self-satisfaction, conceit, euphoria means to destroy the ground for the petty bourgeois and revisionist worm to prevent its getting into the Party and the dictatorship of the proletariat for the purpose of destroying them from within.

Any loss or weakening of revolutionary vigilance, whatever its causes, contains the same danger. «Thanks to the vigilance of the Party, its great experience, revolutionary perspicacity and coolheadedness», says comrade Enver Hoxha in connection with the discovery and smashing of the latest groups of conspirators and putschists, «this hostile activity was uncovered in all its danger and extent». Our revolutionary experience teaches us that the Party must never forget or underestimate the great danger which threatens it from the intentions and activity of the external and internal class enemies and from the imperialist-revisionist encirclement. Only by always remaining vigilant by having a thorough knowledge of the enemies, the methods, forms and means of their destructive work, while never underestimating the pressure exerted on the Party by the retrogressive reactionary enemy forces from outside and inside the country, can these pressures be destroyed, the dangers averted, and the road be closed to the entry of opposing revisionist currents and lines.

It is extremely important for the Party to be consistent in its Marxist-Leninist strategy, tactics and practice. As comrade Enver Hoxha says, «throughout its whole existence, full of revolutionary battles, our Party has upheld a correct Marxist-Leninist theoretical line in principle and applied it in practice». The victories of the Party are «the work of an heroic people and Party, the inevitable deduction from the consistent implementation of the theory of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin». This consistency of the Marxist-Leninist course of our Party of Labour in all the periods of the revolution is one of the basic factors which has made it possible to prevent the creation of any opposing currents and lines in the Party. Vacillation and uncertainty in its stands, decisions, and the defining of slogans, unprincipled switches of policy on internal and external questions, making this policy subject to circumstances of the moment or changing it for merely pragmatic and utilitarian reasons, cause confusion and disorientation, create the ground for anti-Party currents and lines, and hostile activity in the ranks of the Party.

Whether or not opposing lines are created in the Party, greatly depends on the stand the Party adopts towards its own shortcomings and mistakes. The proletarian Party does not fear to acknowledge its shortcomings or mistakes in its line or practical activity. But however important it is to acknowledge mistakes and shortcomings

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was to prepare for the socialist revolution. «All power to the Soviets!» was the slogan that was taken up. This meant that it was necessary to put an end to the dual power and to transfer the entire power to the Soviets and drive the representatives of the landlords and capitalists out of the government.

The opportunists at the conference opposed Lenin on this question and said that Russia was not ripe for socialist revolution. They said the Bolsheviks should confine themselves to controlling the Provisional Government. They stood for the preservation of capitalism.

On the basis of the correct positions taken at the April Conference, the Party developed extensive work in order to win over the masses. The Party line in this period was to patiently explain the Bolshevik policy and expose the Mensheviks and Socialist-Revolutionaries, isolate these parties from the masses, and win a majority in the Soviets. The work of the Bolsheviks went exceptionally well. For example, a demonstration that was held during this period revealed the growing confidence of the masses in the Bolsheviks. At this same time the Provisional Government drove the soldiers at the front to take an offensive which failed. This offensive aroused the indignation of the workers and the soldiers. Spontaneous demonstrations began and grew demanding the transfer of power to the Soviets. They were suppressed by the reactionary bourgeoisie in collu-

sion with the Mensheviks and Socialist-Revolutionaries, and dual power came to an end in favor of the bourgeoisie. The Bolsheviks again changed their tactics. They went underground and began preparing for an armed uprising. The peaceful period of the revolution had ended and revolutionary armed struggle had been placed on the agenda. Soon after, the Bolsheviks held their Sixth Party Congress at which they adopted new party rules built on the principles of democratic centralism.

THE RISE OF THE REVOLUTION

The Bolsheviks made intensive preparations for the upcoming uprising. The Party passed an historic resolution calling for the preparation for the uprising to be made immediately. Two members of the Central Committee voted against this resolution, Kamenev and Zinoviev. They then proceeded to inform the enemy of the plans of the revolution. This was outright treachery! However, even this could not halt the march towards socialism.

On the night of October 24, 1917, Lenin personally directed the uprising. Revolutionary troops occupied all major communications and transportation stations. The Winter Palace, the headquarters of the Provisional Government, was taken by storm. The power in the capital passed to the hands of the Soviets! The Great October Social-

ist Revolution had won!

It won for the following reasons:

- 1 The enemy was weak and politically inexperienced as it had only come to power,
- 2 The Revolution was headed by the revolutionary class -- the Russian working class,
- 3 The working class had an effective ally, the peasantry,
- 4 The working class was led by a tested party, the Bolshevik Party,
- 5 The imperialist war was still raging therefore the external bourgeoisie, was not able to intervene and suppress the revolution.

The period of consolidation began. The October revolution had ushered in a new era in the history of mankind, the era of proletarian revolution.

LESSONS FOR TODAY

One of the fundamental lessons that we can learn from this period of Russian history is how we must absolutely link up the struggle against imperialism with the struggle against opportunism. Time and time again in this period of revolutionary struggle we saw how it was that the opportunists, the Mensheviks and the Socialist-Revolutionaries, attempted to divert the struggle of the working class into class collaboration and its own defeat. This is still true of the opportunist forces in the working class movement today. The «Communist» Party USA is desperately trying to convince the working class that there is a peaceful parliamentary road to socialism by forming an

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«anti-monopoly coalition». We can learn from history that this is absolutely not true. If the Bolsheviks had followed this line they never would have seized state power. The same is true today -- the bourgeoisie is not about to relinquish control without armed force. The «C»PUSA is a growing force in the working class. A good indication of this is the growth of their press. They recently completed a highly successful 100-day campaign to increase subscriptions. New goals were set for 1977 to increase their paid subscriptions by 5000. We must see it as our task, like it was the Bolsheviks' task to patiently explain how these revisionists are not the true leaders of the working class but an arm of the bourgeoisie and will do everything they possibly can to preserve capitalism and fight socialism.

Another important lesson for the working class is the importance of the Party. This was one of the primary factors for the victory of the Russian Revolution. This also holds true today. Without the leadership of a revolutionary vanguard party there can be no successful socialist revolution in this country or in any other country. This is because the party is founded on the science of Marxism-Leninism, which is the summation of the class struggle of the international proletariat. The Party is therefore able to see the road ahead with great clarity, to know when to advance and retreat. ★

The Working Class Looks at the Military

The Armed Force of the Ruling Class



As the general crisis of capitalism deepens, and as the two superpowers, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., move closer to war, the need for the working class movement to prepare to turn that imperialist war into a civil war against its own bourgeoisie becomes ever more immediate. As the threat of war increases, the bourgeoisie prepares for it with arms build-ups and moves towards fascism, which puts both the civilian and military populations on a war footing. The working class must also be prepared for war.

An important aspect of this preparation by the working class is the task of ensuring that the military is its ally in its struggle against monopoly capital. To carry this out, we must have a clear understanding of just what the military is, and a clear strategy of what to do.

Lenin, in *STATE AND REVOLUTION*, says that the chief instruments of state power are the standing army and the police. The main forces which preserve the power of the ruling class in any society in which there are antagonistic class contradictions, are "special bodies of armed men" representing the state. The capitalist state, although it says it is above class struggle, and neutral in it, in fact acts as an instrument of repression of the exploited by the exploiting class. Today's military grew and developed along with the development of monopoly capitalism, and serves the needs of monopoly capitalism just as armies in the past served the

needs of the ruling classes under other economic systems and under pre-monopoly capitalism.

After the Revolutionary War of 1776, the bulk of the army was disbanded in favor of local militia (the forerunner of state national guard), composed of citizens prepared to fight in case of attack. Although capitalism was already expanding, the main purpose of these militias was self-defense. Landowners and members of the developing bourgeoisie were members of the militia.

By the Civil War, however, the army was formed by a draft, with the rich being able to buy their way out. The wealthy could avoid service by paying \$200, leaving them free to make money while workers fought and died. It was in this period, and the generation following, that the great capitalist fortunes were first amassed. J.P. Morgan, for instance, once bought a shipment of defective rifles from the government on one day and sold them back to the government the next day at an enormous profit, unconcerned with the consequences either to the war effort or the men who had to use them.

Since the Civil War, the military has developed into a larger and larger standing army, augmented by massive conscription during wars. The purpose of these armies is to subjugate the peoples of other countries as well as the suppression of the working class at home. It was no accident in Carter's energy plan that provisions were made for

calling in federal troops in the event of a nationwide strike.

Abroad the armies carry on wars of aggression in "defense of the free world." They interfere in the affairs of countries and try to suppress the revolutionary aspirations of the peoples of the world. The bourgeoisie tries by all means to make the soldier a blind tool for the implementation of its aggressive and oppressive policies. But herein lies the contradiction of the military. The ranks of the military are filled with people who come from the working class and who have no interest in fighting the imperialist wars they are called upon to fight or to suppress workers' struggles here at home because their interests are identical to those of the class. *Thus, in the military, as well as in the factories, capitalism produces its own gravedigger.*

This is particularly true today, with the "volunteer" military. Now that the draft has been temporarily eliminated, most GI's enlist because they can't find a job; they want benefits such as the GI Bill (for which they now must pay \$75 a month), or they want to learn a skill. This amounts to economic conscription. It is important to understand that people do not volunteer for the army because they want to fight. They are not mercenaries, but workers who are forced to take the job because there are no other jobs. This also means that the bourgeoisie, as well as the petit-bourgeoisie, are even further removed from fighting imperialist

wars than they used to be. It is no accident that a great number of recruiting posters talk about job opportunities, benefits and security.

Nor is it an accident that military pay has gone up recently. As imperialism becomes more exposed, people are less willing to fight for it out of a sense of patriotism. Our army is no longer fighting the fascists, as was the case in World War II. It now represents the fascists. Thus, the appeal to recruits is that the things they are faced with as civilians — layoffs, loss of wages due to sickness or accident — do not exist in the military. It is portrayed to our youth as nothing more nor less than a good job. But it is far more than that. The military is the world-wide police for U.S. imperialism, and all the bourgeois lies in the world won't change that fact.

At the same time, as the U.S. gears up for war, the draft will inevitably be reinstituted. Appeals to patriotism will again be made. It is becoming ever more apparent to the entire working class including those members of the class who are in uniform, that imperialist war offers nothing but hardship and suffering to the masses of people and reaps great profits for the bourgeoisie.

This knowledge will help weld together the working class, including those in the military, into a mighty force that will prevent imperialist war or turn the imperialist war into a civil war against the bourgeoisie.



EURO COMMUNISM IS SHAM COMMUNISM



Above, Santiago Carrillo, leader of the revisionist Communist Party of Spain, propagates the sham "communist" views which serve the bourgeoisie.

Recently in European countries there have been some ruptures in the alliance between the Soviet Union and the "communist" parties of Europe. The "communist" parties of Spain and Italy have taken leading roles in preaching Eurocommunism. What this means to them is putting more distance between themselves and the "Communist" Party of the Soviet Union. All this seems strange on the surface when supposedly these parties have fraternal ties. The heart of the matter is that none of these parties are genuine communist parties.

Each of these parties are a detachment of the bourgeoisie. These are the parties that preach parliamentarianism and renounce class struggle. They have gone so far as to say there no longer is a need for the dictatorship of the proletariat. In the past when the inter-imperialist conflict faced by the west European bourgeoisie was most directly

with the U.S., these revisionist parties could easily serve the interests of their own bourgeoisie and that of the clique that was restoring capitalism in the USSR. But now the Soviet Union is pressing its aspirations of wresting control of Europe away from the U.S., the revisionist parties can no longer maintain their old strategy. Thieves, mercenaries and opportunists, after all are patriotic and have their national honor based upon the requirement that they help deliver the surplus from the labor of the working class to their own national bourgeoisie.

The split among these parties and the Soviet Union comes down to a question of who is going to be in control of the peoples of Europe. The Soviet Union has aspirations to gain control of the situation in Europe just as it had aspirations to gain control of the countries in Africa. The revisionist "communist" par-

ties want to maintain "independence" from the Soviet Union so that they will be able to reap the profits for their bourgeois class to which they belong.

There is no such thing as Eurocommunism or African communism just as there is no such thing as American communism. There is the science of Marxism-Leninism and that science is applied in the interests of the working class and oppressed peoples in each and every country, according to the concrete conditions in that country. The question is not their distance from the CPSU, but their total divorce from Marxism-Leninism and the interests of the working class. It is not a matter of which is genuine communism and which isn't. None of them are. They are all revisers of Marxism-Leninism. The revolutionary peoples of Europe as in Russia will expose and defeat them.



IMPERIALISTS!

Hands Off the Socialist Countries!

An integral part of the August 1st campaign is building support for the socialist countries. Socialist countries are one of the prime targets of the imperialists in war. We must stand resolute in our support for these countries which are the leaders of the international proletariat.

Recently, the Soviet Union has launched new attacks on the People's Republic of China, because China has stood firm on its proletarian internationalist duty of pointing out the danger that the Soviet Union presents to the people of the world. Trying desperately to turn the tables around, the Soviet Union now says that it is China who is the warmonger. But they can say this till their dying day and few will believe these slanders. The world's peoples have history to look at. It has not been China who has launched offensives into Angola, Zaire, and other parts of Africa. It is not China who has militarized its economy to the point of having a shortage of consumer goods. It is not China who has troops massed all over the world. It is, however, China who has lent aid to the developing countries like in Tanzania and Zambia to build the Tanzam railroad. It has been China who has made interest-free loans to countries so that they could develop their economies free from superpower intervention. No, it is not China who is the warmonger in the world today. China has consistently carried out its duties as a socialist country, which includes exposing the Soviet Union as a social-imperialist country.

The Peoples Democratic Republic of Korea today continues to be threatened by the US imperialists. The just demand for the reunification of Korea has been met with slanders and threats by the south Korean puppets and the US imperialists. To this day there still remain thousands of US troops in south Korea, propping up the regime of the Pak Jung Hi dictatorship. Between 1946 and 1976 the US has pumped more than 189,000 million



Albanian workers will fight to protect socialism

dollars into this operation. Though continually the US bourgeoisie says that the north Koreans will invade south Korea if the troops are removed, this is nothing more than a cover for the continued presence of the US in order to protect its own interests there. We have recent proof of who the real aggressor is in Korea. The "accidental" helicopter flight into Korea was nothing less than spying and continued harassment by the US. Carter's plan to withdraw troops is also purely a sham. The plan would remove troops over such a long period of time and has so many conditions that in effect it is not a plan for troop removal at all. We must support the just demands for the

peaceful reunification of Korea and the removal of all US troops and aid.

Two years after the victory of the Vietnamese against imperialist aggression has seen important strides in the rebuilding of Vietnam. However, there are still a number of pressing problems that need to be solved. There are still thousands of tons of unexploded bombs that are still killing people and destroying land. There are still millions of acres of land there were destroyed by bombs and chemicals. Relocation of the people still needs to take place to a large degree. This is because so many people were driven from the countryside to the city during the war. These are urgent problems for the Vietnamese. However, there is a great obligation that the US government has to fulfill in this reconstruction. In order for Vietnam to flourish and become a strong country it must be able to solve these problems. That is why we must demand that the US pay its war debts now.

The People's Socialist Republic of Albania must also be staunchly supported in its socialist construction. Although Albania is a small country its presence is felt world-wide. It has taken the stand of putting forth its views courageously. Situated



in the middle of European capitalism, Albania stands out in clear contradiction to these countries. Albania has practiced self-reliance in its development, even when it meant hardships for the Albanian peoples. The international bourgeoisie would like nothing better than to see this socialist republic smashed. As Comrade Enver Hoxha said in his REPORT TO THE SEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS OF THE PARTY OF LABOR OF ALBANIA, "Military aggression, economic expansion, and ideological aggression constitute the basis of the general line of these enemies whose main aim is to destroy socialism, to strangle the revolution and perpetuate their enslaving system."

It is part of our proletarian internationalist duty to actively build support for the socialist countries and oppose imperialist war. Development and consolidation of the socialist countries is a continuing victory for the international working class.

HANDS OFF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES!

LONG LIVE THE SOCIALIST REPUBLICS OF CHINA, ALBANIA, VIETNAM, AND KOREA!

NEW SOVIET CONSTITUTION REFLECTS CAPITALISM RESTORED

The main thread running through the proposed new constitution of the Soviet Union is that the state is a state of the whole people and that the party is a party of the whole people. Brezhnev says that things have significantly changed in the Soviet Union since the first constitution was drafted in 1936 under the leadership of Stalin. Now, he says, all sectors of the Soviet population have been won to the ideological and political side of the proletariat, and the Soviet state is now a state of the whole people. Therefore, it is necessary to change the constitution to reflect this development.

We would agree with Mr. Brezhnev that things have significantly changed in the Soviet Union since the original constitution of 1936, but we would not agree that the Soviet Union is now a state of the whole people. What has changed since the 1930's is that capitalism has been restored. Today the

state is a state of the bourgeoisie and Brezhnev is part of that class.

Lenin said that a state represents one class or another, but not the whole people. The state is a class tool — under capitalism the state is the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and under socialism it is the dictatorship of the proletariat. So long as the state exists, it cannot possibly stand above class or belong to the "whole people."

We know that the state of the whole people does not exist in the Soviet Union any more than it exists in the United States. A socialist economy does not have increasing rates of inflation, shortage of work for the people and an economy that is geared totally towards military build-up. But this is the case in the Soviet Union today.

In the Soviet Union, 99.5% of the secretaries of the Party Central Committees of the republics, districts, and regions are intellectuals. This is not the case under a socialist state, where there would be large numbers of workers. The Party has been transformed from a party of

the working class into a party of a high bureaucratic strata and labor aristocracy. Yet Brezhnev calls this party the party of the whole people.

Another important part of the new constitution is the section on nationalities in the Soviet Union. It states that a new historical community has emerged, all national chauvinism has been erased, and that all nations are equal. It goes on to say that distinctions between nationalities should be eliminated and a single language be used. What kind of proletarian state would not allow nationalities to use their native language? This is outright national chauvinism!

Indeed, great changes have taken place in the Soviet Union since the last constitution because of the restoration of capitalism in the 1950's. This new constitution just formalizes it. It is designed to deceive and oppress the majority of the people by speaking of the "whole people." But in many ways it makes the lies and deception of these bourgeois rulers in the Soviet Union easier to see. ★



As a beacon, life in China threatens imperialist and social imperialist rule.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

9 Years of Soviet Occupation

On the night of August 21, 1968, Soviet tanks rumbled across the frontier of their East European neighbor, bringing occupying troops into the towns and cities of Czechoslovakia. As dawn broke on August 22, the Czech people found themselves invaded.

Like the Russian Czars of old, the new Kremlin Czars launched this attack to occupy and suppress, to tighten the reins on a horse they thought was running too fast and too far in the wrong direction. It was necessary, never mind the flagrant violation of Czechoslovakian national sovereignty.

But how could this happen? Czechoslovakia and the U.S.S.R. were "friendly" nations, partners in the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA), allies in the Warsaw Treaty. They called themselves sister countries, socialist countries. How could Soviet "friends" become invaders overnight?

TIRED OF BEING EXPLOITED

The Czech bourgeoisie, under the revisionist leadership of

Dubcek, was the first to openly resist Soviet domination. But there must be no illusions that this regime represented a movement towards a genuine dictatorship of the proletariat. The Dubcek forces in the Czech Communist Party reflected a nationalist-based resistance to the U.S.S.R. They sought to loosen the bureaucratic ties with the U.S.S.R. which were the basis of Soviet exploitation. Also, they favored closer ties with western capitalist countries.

The Soviet Union was not about to tolerate any revolt within its "camp." They occupied Czechoslovakia to insure continued Soviet domination. They called it "international aid" against "class enemies", saying the Czech state was in danger of a capitalist takeover. In truth, Soviet social-imperialism was in danger. The "sister country" was getting tired of being exploited.

IS THIS NOT IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION?

It was this violent act that forever cemented in peoples' minds the

aggressive nature of Soviet social-imperialism. For most who had doubted, August 21 fully unveiled the treachery of Khrushchevite revisionism. It graphically exposed the degeneration of the Soviet Union, the first socialist state, into fascist state monopoly capitalism. The invasion of Czechoslovakia proved that the U.S.S.R. was a superpower on the move.

THE LOGIC OF AGGRESSION AND WAR

Imperialism knows no friend, except profit. It values no freedom but its own freedom to exploit and oppress. It has no alternative but to plunder, and shows no remorse as it uses every means necessary — from bribery and sugar-coated bullets, to engineering the holocaust of world war. All are equally logical, equally suitable methods for achieving the final aim of world domination.

NINE YEARS OF TERROR

Today it is nine years since Czechoslovakia was invaded. Today the number of troops is greater than on that night in 1968. Back then, the Soviet social-imperialists said their military forces would stay on only "temporarily" to "normalize the situation." But through the Warsaw Treaty, the Soviet and East European revisionists' military alliance, similar to U.S. and West European imperialists' NATO alliance, the number of occupation troops has steadily grown. Through participation in CMEA, the rich and beautiful Czech land has been plundered. Having vast coal deposits and the richest uranium deposits in all Europe, before the 1960's Czechoslovakia was almost self-sufficient in fuel production. Now uranium reserves are completely under Soviet control. Coal mining is subject to Soviet restriction. The country has been forced to turn from coal to natural gas and oil which it must buy from the U.S.S.R. Now Soviet supplies are short, and they are failing to supply Czechoslovakia with her "quotas." All of this — the daily harassment and brutality of military occupation, plus the economic plunder that destroys the Czech economy, brings suffering to the masses of Czech people.

SITTING ON A VOLCANO

Despite outward appearances, the Soviet revisionists are sitting on a volcano. People aspire to freedom and independence. They cannot be trampled underfoot. Tanks cannot crush the will of the masses, their desire to fight against oppression. The Czech people have not for-

gotten, nor have the people of the world forgotten.

Every year, since 1968, around the world August 21 is celebrated as a day of struggle against social-imperialism. Each year communist parties and revolutionary people stand in solidarity with the Czech people and raise their voices in sympathy with their suffering, in defense of their right to national independence. Each year these voices pledge to heighten the struggle against the two superpowers, against imperialism, social-imperialism and all reaction — the source of the suffering and misery of the world's people.

Today our world, as large as it is, faces a danger that no country, no people can afford to ignore. Daily the superpowers prepare for World War III as a way of achieving world domination, crushing the revolutionary struggles of the world's people, and smashing the genuine socialist states.

FRIENDS AND ENEMIES

There can be no doubt. Imperialism and social-imperialism, all their lackeys both at home and abroad, in any part of the globe, the trade union bureaucrats and labor aristocrats who support the bourgeoisie, the generals, the spies, the police, all agents of the bourgeoisie, and any who knowingly support the superpowers and their plans for war are the enemies of the world's proletariat and progressive people.

Those who oppose imperialism, social-imperialism and all bourgeois reaction, in both word and deed, and through their action objectively weaken imperialism, are our friends.

The struggle for the independence of the Czech people is one of the links in the great chain of struggle against imperialism and for world peace. Czechoslovakia has been a sharp lesson, just as Angola and Vietnam have been sharp lessons of the vicious nature of imperialism. But just as surely as imperialism must plunder and oppress to exist, so is the victory of all revolutionary people inevitable — as Vietnam so brilliantly proved.

The danger of war is great. Now is the time to raise our voices and stand together. The world stands at the brink of great events. Armed with revolutionary theory, correctly summing up world conditions, knowing our friends and our enemies, the people of the world can face these events with confidence.

SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF THE CZECH PEOPLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST DOMINATION!

OPPOSE WORLD WAR III!

National Oppression Flourishes in U.S.S.R.



A strong resistance movement has emerged in the Soviet Republic of Georgia in recent years due to the harsh suppression of the Georgian language and compulsory popularization of the Russian language.

In a decision passed last year, the Central Committee of the revisionist Soviet Party declared that "an uncompromising struggle" would be waged against "the manifestations of nationalism" in Georgia.

Every citizen of Georgia has been called on to fulfill the task of mastering Russian. It is now stipulated that textbooks of all subjects taught in the Republic's institutes of higher learning are to be printed in Russian.

After having restored capitalism in the Soviet Union, the Khrushchev-Brezhnev renegade clique has completely taken over the nationalities policy of the tsarist colonialists, especially on the question of language.

The press of tsarist Russia openly preached, "As long as a people preserves its faith, language, customs and laws it cannot be considered subdued." The new tsars are using forced russification to wipe out barriers of nationalities and destroy resistance to the social-fascist nature of the Soviet state.

Georgia is the homeland of Josef Stalin, the great Marxist-Leninist and leader of the Soviet Union when it was a socialist country. It is also known for its vehement resistance to the Brezhnev clique's reactionary rule.

In 1972, the Party Central Committee issued a decision blaming the Republic for laxity and negligence in instituting forced russification. To support this decision, they stepped up repression of the Georgian people who oppose the strangling of their language under the pretext of "national limitations and backwardness" and "national narrowness." The Brezhnev clique has laid off or arrested large numbers of unyielding Georgian workers and carried out a massive purge among Georgian party cadre. A great number of cadre were removed from office or even arrested on charges of being "nationalists." Many students have been dismissed from schools of higher education.

The Georgians, true to their glorious revolutionary tradition of resistance against colonial rule, will inevitably show increased resistance to forced russification and in the end will win! ★



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ings, it is just as important to be determined to fight to the end to correct them and to know how to do so. Mistakes, weaknesses, deviations, which are not disclosed and combatted in time, with revolutionary methods, may become a source for the emergence of revisionist groups, trends and platforms. «Any laxity, any abuse or liberalism», teaches comrade Enver Hoxha, «causes incalculable damage, creates a situation of decay. No one but the enemies want such a situation to come about. But it may come about if we do not fight as a single body around the Party against these manifestations».

Whether or not opposing lines are created also depends on the stand towards anti-party groups, when such groups are formed in the ranks of the party. Revolutionary practice has taught the Party of Labour that it must not in any way permit the existence and activity of any kind of anti-party group, either briefly or over a period. Regardless of the forms and means they use, whether open or secret, all kinds of anti-party groups are equally harmful, therefore they must be fought and thoroughly destroyed, otherwise, they develop into opposing trends and lines.

There is no doubt that the struggle against anti-party elements, groups, and views is an ideological struggle in the first place. But it is also an organisational struggle, and a political struggle. In the struggle to liquidate the anti-party ideological basis of every group, all the communists have taken part. The masses of the people have taken part, too. In every instance discussions have been held in the Party branches. The masses of the people have been informed through special letters from the Central Committee of the Party, and have been given extensive explanations through meetings and the press, and they have always had their say, bringing to light and condemning the anti-Marxist, anti-socialist, ideological and political views of one group or the other. This has thoroughly convinced the communists and the working people of the anti-Marxist and anti-national character of the views and activity of the traitors. This work, which has continued even after the smashing of the anti-party groups, would never have fully achieved this aim had it not been accompanied by the appropriate organisational measures, on the basis of the Constitution of the Party. The Party of Labour has always closely linked the ideological struggle with organisational measures, considering this as an essential condition for the success of this struggle. After all means of persuasion have been used, it has never allowed anti-party traitor elements to remain in the Party, even less in the Central Committee when it has been proven that this is what they are. Comrade Enver Hoxha tells us: «Our Party has never failed to use patient means of clarification and persuasion towards those who betrayed and set out on the anti-party and anti-people road, but when the cup was full and facts were obvious, it threw them out its ranks without hesitation, and those who had plotted it handed over to the court, which even sentenced some of them to death. The enemies wept over them, but the people rejoiced that these traitors had been eliminated». This is a profoundly revolutionary Marxist-Leninist stand. The revolution, the dictatorship of the proletariat, must not fail to use violence against enemies of the proletarian party, the people, and socialism. Antagonistic contradictions cannot be resolved other-

wise. To try to resolve antagonistic contradictions as the non-antagonistic contradictions among the people are resolved, means to slip into idealism, religious softheartedness, to give up the class struggle.

Opposing currents and lines in the Party can also result from outside interference. The Yugoslav revisionists left no stone unturned to turn the group of Koci Xoxe in an anti-Marxist trend on a whole Party scale, after this group had become a faction at the head of the Party, and to ensure that that Trotskyist-revisionist trend would triumph over the Marxist-Leninist line of the Party. The Soviet revisionists, too, made intensive attempts directly, and through Lili Belishova and Koco Tashko, to split the Central Committee of the Party, aiming to make the Khrushchevite revisionist course triumph over the Marxist-Leninist course of the Party. There is not a single anti-Party group which we have destroyed which has not had the encouragement and support of the external enemies of Marxism-Leninism. The 7th Congress of the Party pointed out that the latest groups of conspirators, which were uncovered and destroyed in our Party, acted in coordination with some revisionist foreign powers. But all these efforts of the external enemies of Marxism-Leninism to sow the seed of disruption and bourgeois-revisionist degeneration in the Party of Labour, to create opposing currents and lines in its ranks, have failed in the face of the firm, principled stand of the Party towards foreign interference. The struggle against any interference from outside has protected the Party from the danger of division and degeneration, or falling behind one or the other current of international revisionism, and has strengthened its vigilance and sharpened its class perspicacity. The experience of this struggle has taught it that there is no more reliable way to always follow a correct revolutionary line than the working out and implementation of this line in an independent way on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, which is the only compass for any genuine Party of the working class. The unity in the Party is preserved and strengthened, opposing lines in its ranks are avoided, if the political line and the principles and norms of Marxism-Leninism, embodied in the constitution of the Party are always applied faithfully and in a revolutionary way. In departing from the Marxist-Leninist line the CPSU and other former communist and workers' parties, which betrayed the cause of Marxism-Leninism, at the same time rejected the principles and norms of the revolutionary party of the working class, either through abandoning them or through turning them into lifeless formulas.

Therefore, the 7th Congress of the Party stressed once again that «the loyal and revolutionary application of the line of the Party and the Leninist principles and norms in the activity of every leading organ, every Party branch and every communist is of decisive importance» for the preservation and strengthening of the unity of the Party.

The wide experience and firm revolutionary course of the Party of Labour of Albania which has been further enriched with the ideas and decisions of the 7th Congress ensure that in the future it will have as always, a steel-like Marxist-Leninist ideological and organisational unity and a single Marxist-Leninist line a condition which is indispensable to achieving the undivided leadership of the working class in the complete construction of socialist and communist society —

BAN ALL TRADE WITH ISRAEL!

In 1950, in support of the Palestinian people's struggle, Israel's Arab neighbors joined together to prohibit companies who wished to do business with the Arab states from trading with Israel.

In recent years, as US-Arab trade has markedly increased, American Jewish and non-Jewish Zionists have put pressure on the federal and state levels to pass laws prohibiting US firms from complying with the Arab boycott.

On June 22, Jimmy Carter signed into law a bill backed by the "Business Roundtable", a group composed of 160 corporations, and 3 major Jewish organizations. The bill can best be described as one that best serves the interests of US imperialism in the Middle East. While showing continued support for the Zionist state, the bill also contains two exceptions which in effect allow for compliance with the boycott by firms doing business in Arab states.

The anti-boycott bill has been enacted at a time when the US is trying to solidify its hold over Israel and improve its ties with the Arab states. In its fierce preparation for an imperialist war with its rival the Soviet Union, the US seeks control over the Middle East. Both the Arabs and Israelis provide strategic military bases. In addition, the Arabs furnish oil and Israel is an important military ally.

It appears that the anti-boycott bill will not significantly affect US-Arab trade just as the boycott itself did not deter US-Israeli trade, particularly arms traffic.

US TRADE WITH ISRAEL

Since the creation of the Zionist state of Israel in 1948, the US has been that country's main benefactor. Following the June '67 war, Israel has relied almost exclusively upon the United States for military and economic assistance. Both countries openly admit that without US aid Israel could not survive. Today Israel receives some \$3 billion in arms from the US and with the assistance of US corporations has developed arms-producing in-

dustries at home. In 1976, the Israelis exported \$400 million worth of arms — 1½% of the world market.

It is no mystery that these trade relations serve the interests of both countries. While Israel needs US aid to survive, the US needs Israel for her markets and military might. In addition, through Israel, which conducts heavy arms and economic trade with the South African regime, the US is able to get around the UN boycott of arms to support the apartheid state. Israel is also seeking to trade with other US allies, namely Ecuador, Taiwan, and the Philippines. However, in these cases the US has refused to allow the sale of the Kfir jet fighter aircraft which, because it has an American-made engine, cannot be sold without prior US approval. To further bolster its war economy, Israel is also seeking co-production rights for the F-16 aircraft.

STOP US-ISRAELI TRADE

As opponents of the Zionist state, we must oppose the anti-boycott bill and pass resolutions banning all trade with Israel. While congressional legislation is one road that such actions take, we have learned from long and painful experience not to rely on our legislators who are part and parcel of the same capitalist state which props up Israel. A far more effective and direct route would be to take the issue to the point of production — our shop floors and trade unions. On the shop floor we can discuss the issues with our fellow workers and then bring them with us to the union meetings to pass resolutions prohibiting the capitalists from 1) trading directly with Israel, and 2) trading with those arms-producers who convert the steel we produce into Israeli weapons. In the struggle to halt superpower war preparations and give concrete support to the Palestinian peoples we must demand an end to all trade with Israel.

STOP ALL US-ISRAELI TRADE!



Trade with Israel supports Zionist terrorism against the Palestinian people

An Interview with JAMES JACKSON JR.

Dawson, Georgia — July 9, 1977

UNITE! Why were you and the other four Black youths arrested?

Jackson Because they couldn't find anybody else to pin the murder on. They thought since we lived out there by the store it would be easy to pin it on us.

UNITE! How are the conditions in the jail? Are you being treated well?

Jackson Things are bad. The jail is real hot. It's so hot that the kids have to take off their shirts everyday. It stays about 100 degrees most of the time. There is no fresh air there are only four small windows in the cell block and they are closed most of the time. It gets so hot and the cell is so small that you just want to tear down the walls. The food is bad too. All you get is dried up left-overs. They give you dried up corn bread, black eyed peas, neck bones. The food got so bad that I got sick once. At first my mother had to bring over some food for us everyday.

UNITE! After you were arrested, the sheriff tortured you. Could you describe what happened?

Jackson Two deputies took me out by the first bridge on route 32 and made me get out of the car. Hamilton put the gun between my eyes and had his hand on the trigger. He said that if I didn't answer the question the way he wanted it he would pull the trigger. The gun was a .38, I think. I told him I didn't know nothing about the murder. He kept saying he was going to pull the trigger if I didn't answer him right. The other officer told him to stop it and then we got back into the car. When we came back to town, he told me not to tell anybody what happened and if I did it would be between me and him. He would take care of me. But I didn't keep quiet. I told Mailliard

(lawyer) and I'm telling everybody.

UNITE! Why do you think the police treated you that way?

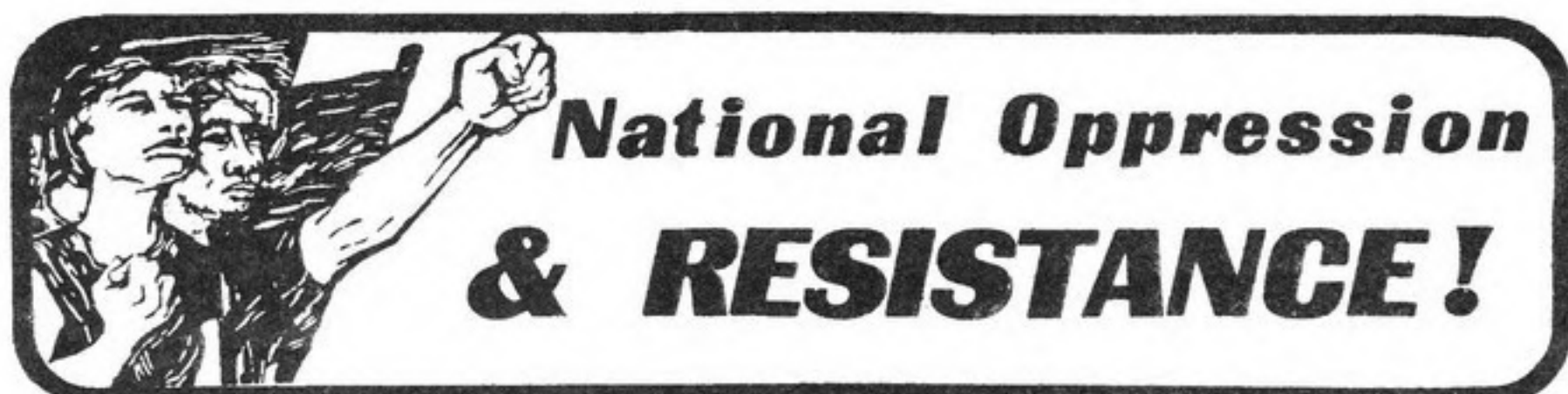
Jackson Because they hate Blacks. They wouldn't do whites that way. If they didn't hate us they wouldn't do those things to us.

UNITE! What did you think of the rally on July 2nd at Sardis Baptist Church that called for your freedom?

Jackson I think the rally was good and will help. I was very happy with the song "Ain't gone let nobody turn us around." I think that if Blacks and whites stick together we will be successful in getting all the other kids out.



James Jackson, Jr., shown here on the right, calls for Blacks and whites to stick together to free the Dawson 5. Pictured next to him is his brother, Johnny B. Jackson. Henderson Watson is to the left. The other Black youths (not pictured here), wrongfully accused of the murder are J.D. Davenport and Roosevelt Watson.



600 Rally to Free the Dawson 5 in Georgia

Dawson, Georgia—An overflow crowd of over 600 people packed into Sardis Baptist Church on July 2, to protest against the imprisonment of the Dawson 5. Speakers from local civil rights organizations as well as the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee encouraged the people to continue the battle to free the '5' and to combat the entire system of national oppression and segregation in Terrell County.

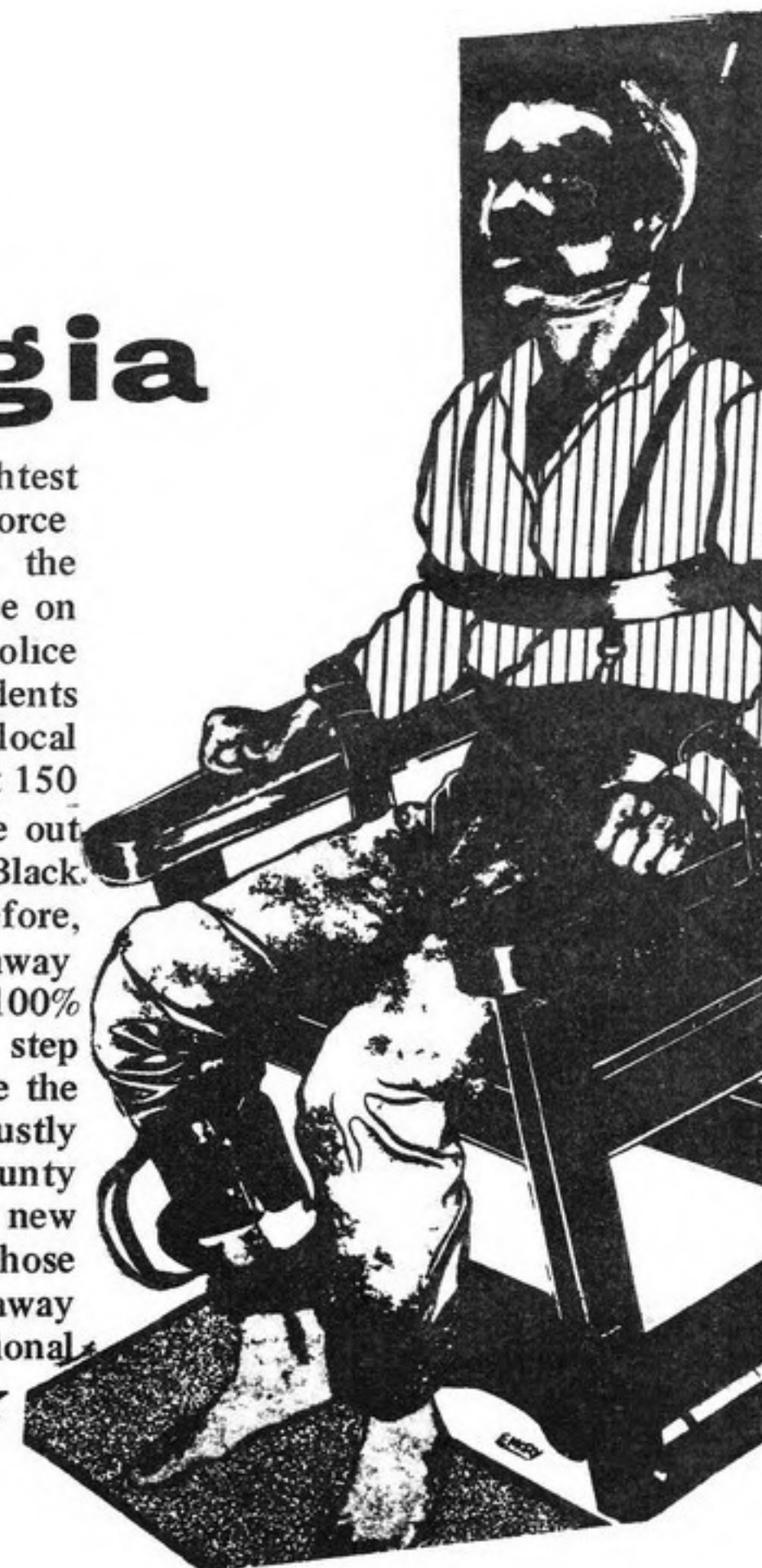
The speaker from the MLOC told the audience that the case of the Dawson 5 is not separate from the whole system of national oppression of the Black Belt Nation. Thus, the struggle to free the '5' is also a struggle for self-determination. It is a struggle for land, a struggle to destroy the entire system of enslavement of the people of the Black Belt. He drew an enthusiastic response from the crowd when he spoke of the inhuman, super-exploitation of the workers at the

giant Stevens Industries plant in Dawson. "The workers there work 12 hours a day, 7 days a week with no sick leave, vacation pay or any benefits. They are paid about \$2.50 an hour. They work and slave these long hours and for this low pay just to make a handful of white millionaires richer."

Sensing the significance of the rally, the first ever held in Dawson, the local police officials began beefing up their forces, in the week prior to the rally, and began a concerted campaign to scare local residents from attending with threats and false rumors of "riots." The reactionaries brought in police from the surrounding counties (Dougherty, Worth, and Calhoun) and also the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the FBI and the Georgia State Patrol were added. This is typical of the whole history of police repression in the Black

Belt, where even the slightest protest is met with brutal force. Though no clashes between the police and the rally took place on the day of the event, the police harassment of the local residents did have some effect. One local resident estimated that at least 150 more people would have come out had the police not cruised the Black neighborhoods the night before, warning the people to stay away.

Despite this, the rally was a 100% success. It represented a real step forward in the struggle to save the lives of the 5 Black youths unjustly imprisoned in the Terrell County jail. Also, it represented a new awakening on the part of those attending to the need to do away with the entire system of national oppression in the Black Belt. ★



An Interview with GARY TYLER

The first of a two part,
exclusive interview.

In the last three years the struggle to free Gary Tyler has received growing attention. This case has become a vivid symbol of the brutal oppression of an entire Nation in the Black Belt South, and the struggle for democratic rights and self determination.

Gary Tyler was framed and convicted on charges of murder of a 14-year old white student who was shot on October 7, 1974 in a confrontation between reactionary segregationists and Black youth in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

Gary Tyler, then sixteen years old, was originally sentenced to death. The death penalty was then ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in July 1976. Gary was resented to life imprisonment. However, in June 1977, in *Dobbert vs. Florida*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in effect, that since life imprisonment was a lesser sentence than death, a prisoner could be re-sentenced to death on an ex post facto basis.

UNITE! What is the current situation with your case? Are you planning to file a Habeas Corpus (a petition for release)?

TYLER The effect of the recent Supreme Court decisions is to say to prisoners, if any death row prisoner appeals his case, continues to fight

his case in court, he would be working his way back to death row. My lawyer wrote me and told me about it. I told him I'm gonna continue to fight and I want him to file this Habeas Corpus. If I do this, I will work my way back to death row. As we know the law is real flexible. The man make the laws for himself, not for the people. But I'm not afraid to go back on death row, because I'm fighting for what I believe in. They have hundreds of innocent men that died in the electric chair, by hanging, by firing squad, in the gas chamber. What is one more to the man? He don't care. See, they are blood thirsty. They don't care if a man is innocent or not. They figure that they can get a conviction even if the facts shown the man is innocent or not.

U Why is the system that way?

T Because they are blood thirsty. They are sacrificing me to show the working class that if you continue to stand up against the man, they will exterminate you little by little. So that is why they are doing this. They are out to exterminate us, little by little.

U Why do you think the Supreme Court has taken the action that it has recently?

T Because the Supreme Court is hired puppets of the bourgeois class. They claim that they represent the majority, but they represent a minority. They have to pass these laws to try and keep people in their place. That's why. When any poor or minority person breaks the law, they are punished. But when one of the rich breaks the law, they will be out free.

U Who does the law serve?

T The law serves the bourgeoisie. It's not applied for the minorities, as they claim. It's not in the interest of the proletariat and poor. Justice don't apply for none of us. The only thing that is in this existence is injustice, and that's been going on for so long.

U What is it going to take to turn this situation around?

T It is going to take a whole change. Totally change the whole system. I have been reading about socialism. Socialism is the best thing, on the way to communism. We have to mobilize the masses and make this whole country a socialist country. Then our lives would be better. But as we know, we cannot have a peaceful transition to socialism. You understand? From capitalism to socialism, in order to totally change, revolution will have to occur.

U When you look at Angola, and many other prisons, you see that most prisoners are Black. Why do you think that the government has to take a young man like yourself and frame him? Why are so many Black people in jails?

T Well, they are trying to reduce the Black population. They see a whole lot of Blacks are troublemakers. Because Blacks are gonna be standing up for their rights.

U How is your case tied to the oppression of the Black Belt Nation?

T The people in the Black Belt work for cheap labor. They are being used. That is why they are fighting now, they refuse to work for cheap labor. All the money goes to the North. We make it all in the South, and it's the rich up North that gets the benefits. Cheap

labor is what it is all about.

U Like in Vietnam and Azania?

T This is something that has been going on for many, many years. For 500 years they have been using people as slaves. They don't look at it no other way. That is what capitalism is really based on, is labor, slavery. That is what the whole system is based on, exploiting the people and getting rich off them.

U When you look back at the trial, what do you think about what happened?

T I did not know too much about the law back then. But I knew, I just had this feeling, I was gonna be convicted. You understand? Because where I was, there was no justice. I was situated in Ku Klux Klan country. And you could see how people were reacting in court and how they picked an all white jury. And I know that there is no way in the

world a Black man can get a fair trial with an all white jury.

U Do you think that people think differently about the Klan today, than in the past?

T Back then, many people were blind about the Klan. But today, people really are aware of what the Klan stands for. The young whites today, they have a new education. They look at Blacks as their brothers. The man cannot call on them to fight one another anymore. And they both realize who is their enemy. And that is who they fight now, not each other but their common enemy.

U Have you heard about the fight of Buddy Cochran, in Georgia? This was the man who drove his car into the KKK rally. What do you think about that?

T This man, he was tired of what was happening. He looked at the Black man as human. He figured something gotta be done about the Klan. He did not like how the Klan talks about anti-Black, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic. This is something he could not take easily. So he just got fed up with this bull and how the Klan were trying to turn races against each other. He did the right thing. He drove his car right into the Klan to let them know that he was not going to tolerate this bull any more. The way that I look at it, this man should get support from the people who would not have even done that. So this man, he did right. I figure that the people should support him by all means available.

U Do you know that the judge says that Buddy Cochran should be electrocuted? Do you have any message to Buddy Cochran?

T I would like to let Buddy know that he should remain strong. That the people are going to support him. The people are not going to tolerate what that judge said and what the state is pushing for. There is no reason to fear the man. I send my full solidarity. Remain strong.

U You know that this is one of the first times that a white man in the South has come out so strong against the Klan. What importance do you think that this has for the future of the South?

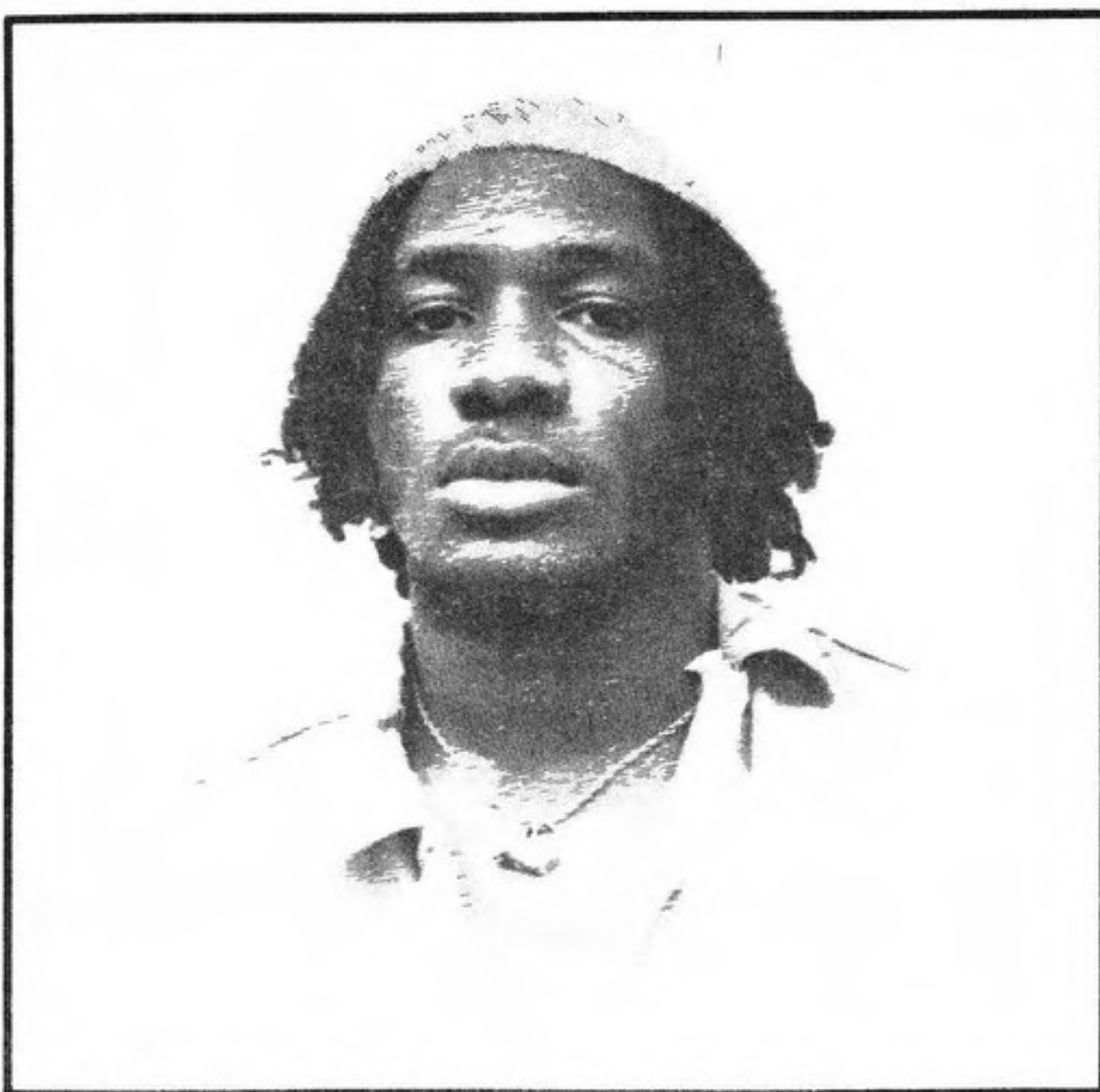
T This is one man who stood up for what he believed, and against what was wrong. Some have been saying that they are not for the Klan, but they have not done what he did. This man Buddy showed that he was a man. That the Klan was nothing but a bunch of fascist dogs. He took a stand, to let the people know that the Klan is no good. This man is a humanitarian and believes in brotherly love.

U You know that there is going to be a demonstration on August 7 by the People's Defense Coalition of New Orleans, here at Angola. Do you have a message for that?

T I feel like the PDC is making a righteous move. They are out there crying loud, and aiming to be heard by the man, and letting the man know that they are tired of what is going on in here. Some of the people that are going to be out there will have brothers in here. They will be out there protesting a whole lot of what is happening in here. I think that this is real beautiful. The people all around should unite! We must unite and come down to this pen and let the warden know that they are not going to go for this jive that is going on in this penitentiary.

FREE GARY TYLER!

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!



A Message to the Dawson 5...

UNITE! Do you have any message for the Dawson Five?

TYLER I would like to tell the Dawson Five to remain strong, and I know that they must be determined brothers. Don't depend on the courts. Only the people will have justice. If the trial comes and there is no justice, don't lose faith. This is something we have to go through. This is something I went through. We have to keep fighting. I'd like to send my solidarity to all of them and my brotherly love.

UNITE! Photo

Georgia's Prisons

SLAVE LABOR and TERROR

Recent events in the Georgia prison system have exposed the fierce exploitation of prisoners in the Black Belt Nation. According to a recent Georgia State Senate committee report, 500 Georgia inmates are working in prison factories without being paid any salary at all. The inmates produce a wide range of goods, from textile products, broom handles, and recapped tires to chemical products such as cleaning fluids. They are exploited by Georgia Correctional Industries, which is anticipated to make sales of \$3.5 million in the current fiscal year. Since prisoners receive no money for their work, the rate of profit is quite high, which enables the enterprise to grow at a fast pace.

Originally, the program was intended to "employ inmates in meaningful work, to train them and

to be self-supporting."

Thomas D. Fowler, director of the program, says, in the manner of a successful businessman "We have become very aggressive recently in trying to sell our products. We are constantly seeking to put the inmates to work. For the first time we're going for some new markets, the city and county governments."

Another example of conditions in Georgia prisons took place in June, when the warden of Chatham Correctional Institution was forced to resign after charges were leveled that he had used prison labor for improvements on his own property. At Chatham Correctional, one detail is forced to work cleaning out the drainage ditches which criss-cross Savannah. The workers are given leaky boots and forced to clean out ditches, which are filled with mud and human waste. The

"pay" which they receive goes into the State General Fund.

After the old warden resigned in June, the new warden gave orders to "shoot to kill" escapees, which had been quite numerous, in an attempt to set an example in blood to the prisoners. Within two weeks, two prisoners were gunned down while "attempting to escape."

Such conditions of terror and slave labor are especially prevalent in the Black Belt Nation in the Deep South, and are examples of semi-feudal remnants left over from slavery days. A clear example of this is the fact that Georgia ranks first in the nation in the proportion of prisoners to the population as a whole. With 12,000 prisoners, Georgia has 387 per 100,000, while the national average is about 200 per 100,000. A high proportion of these prisoners are Black,

which is a clear manifestation of national oppression.

Exploiting the labor of prisoners weakens the working class as a whole by lowering the price of the commodities produced and thereby, forcing down the wages of all workers.

We must recognize that prisoners' labor forms a part of the working class and, therefore, they must be granted rights which the rest of the class has already won and continues to fight for through struggle. Prisoners must be granted the right to organize trade unions, the minimum wage, as well as decent working conditions. Only the fighting unity of the entire working class will be able to finally bring an end to the capitalist system which crushes the lives of the workers behind bars. ★

IMPERIALISTS DRIVE OUT SMALL FARMERS

South Georgia farmers are suffering from one of the driest years on record. They have watched helplessly as millions of seeds died in the parched ground. Those seeds which found enough moisture to germinate more often than not shriveled and died in the relentless southern sun.

Corn, the state's largest cash crop, has suffered at least \$94 million in damages. Cotton, tobacco, peanuts, and hay have not fared much better. Some farmers tried to salvage something from this year's crop by planting soybeans where the cotton or corn had died. But the late rains were as scarce as the spring's. The soybeans and other crops which have managed to survive are weak and prone to disease and insect attack.

It costs about \$250 an acre to put in a cotton crop, \$40 an acre for soybeans, and \$100 to \$125 for corn. Since most farmers must borrow against the anticipated harvest in order to buy seeds and supplies, a crop failure can mean disaster.



Federal disaster aid is now available for farmers in the 130 hardest hit counties. This aid provides loans at 5 to 8 percent interest. According to State Representative Dorsey Mathews, it is a "farce." The problem is that most small farmers are so far in debt that they can not pay back even a low interest loan. At least one out of three farmers with outstanding loans will go under this year according to Mathews. According to one of the local farmers "It ain't worth a damn!"

State aid is worth even less. Georgia's Agriculture commissioner Tommy Irvin shakes his head sadly, "About the only advice I can offer is hang in there. We've got to have farmers."

What the state and federal government mean is that "we've got to have big farmers." All these little poor farmers, especially Black farmers, don't concern the bourgeois government.

The only exception to the generally bleak picture are those few farmers with irrigation systems who are able to keep at least some fields watered until the rains come. "But large-scale irrigation operations are rare," Irvin said, "because installing a good system costs about \$100,000."

Only large scale, highly capitalized farms are in a position not only to survive, but to make a profit from it. Since prices are forced up by the overall shortage of certain crops, those operations which do have a good crop will receive much greater return. They can also score long term gains by taking advantage of those farmers forced out of business, buying up their land at prices far below its



Mechanization has transformed agriculture in the South for giant land owners and agri-business. For the rightful owners it has meant tramping behind roto tillers, instead of the mule drawn plow.

value. The big land owners and agri-businesses can then further expand with less competition.

In the Black Belt, this monopolization of industry has greatly reduced the number of small farmers, both Black and white. It has forced many of these ruined farmers to enter the work force as wage laborers in agriculture or in the growing rural industries in the South. This trend has increased, rather than decreased the poverty in rural areas. Wages are extremely low, jobs scarce and work irregular.

Temporary measures can be forced from the government to relieve the suffering caused not only by the drought but by the general movement away from the small farms to the large capitalist farms. These could include a debt moratorium for drought-stricken

small farmers, a suspension of foreclosures and tax sales, etc. However the trend can not be turned back. Capitalist agriculture, like industry, follows certain rules of development which include the transition from small scale to large scale production.

The farmers and rural poor in the Black Belt must look forward to the actual seizure of the large land holdings for their own benefit. In exercising the right to self-determination the Black masses must destroy the imperialists' economic hold.

Without the seizure of the property of the imperialists and their lackeys, self-determination will be only an empty phrase.

**SELF-DETERMINATION FOR
THE BLACK BELT NATION
UP TO AND INCLUDING
SECESSION!**

Free Buddy Cochran!

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This KKK cross at Plains, Georgia, was burned after the arrest of Buddy Cochran

These words spoken by a young Southern white man, crashed like a loud clap of thunder in the heart of the Black Belt Nation. Cochran's attack on the KKK rally on July 2 in Plains, Georgia, and his above statement have created a storm in the Black Belt Nation that is not going to die down for some time to come. Dark clouds of class struggle are massing over the Black Belt.

On the night of July 2, Cochran was outraged by vicious and disgusting national - chauvinist attacks made by KKK "Imperial Wizard" Bill Wilkinson at the Plains rally. In rage he drove his small sports car 100 yards into the speakers' platform, disrupting the rally. Some 20 people were hurt - cuts, bruises, and

broken bones

WHO IS REALLY TO BLAME?

Plains "city fathers" say Wilkinson "slipped one by the Mayor and City Council" when he applied for the rally permit back in June. But Plains officials knew full well who applied for that permit. They know to what end the Klan operates - to perpetuate hatred, divisions and fascist terror. They allowed the rally to take place because the state and the Klan are fine bedfellows. We condemn the Plains city officials. We condemn the KKK.

THE KLAN MUST BE DESTROYED

Buddy Cochran's intention to attack the Klan and disrupt the rally was correct. Cochran's method, however, was not. He acted spontaneously, without a plan. And, he acted alone, not relying on the masses of Black and white people who support multi-national unity and despise the Klan. This kind of struggle will never bear fruit.

Standing alone, the U.S. imperialists will knock us down. Standing together we are the mightiest force in world history, and they will tremble at our feet.

Just like patiently preparing and sowing a field, we must patiently prepare a systematic attack on the KKK. It must be organized. It must be supported by the masses of poor and working people, Black and white, in the South and across the nation. It must have the finest,



Mary Cochran, shown here with their baby, participated in a press conference to announce a nationwide fund raising conference to defend her husband.

staunchest leadership. It must be led by a communist party. Armed in this way, we can defeat the Klan. Our struggle will bear fruit.

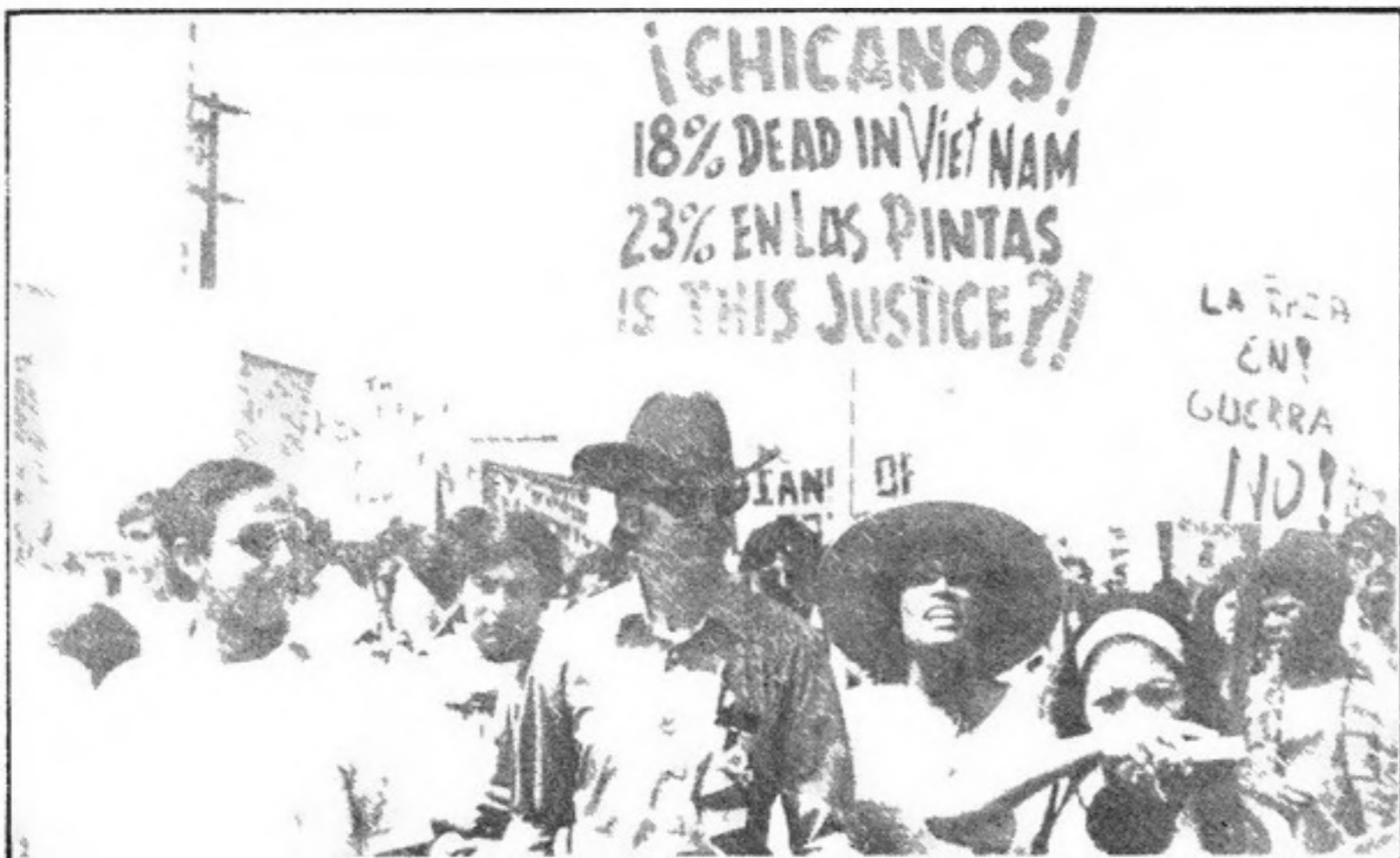
Buddy Cochran has spoken out against racism, national oppression and for unity and equality between Blacks and whites. He has put his life on the line. He must be supported. We cannot let him stand alone to face the full wrath of the U.S. imperialists and their reactionary Southern lackeys.

They have come down hard on Buddy Cochran. Why? Because his stand is a vivid example of the objective unity that exists between the oppressed Black masses and

poor white people in the Black Belt South. Today we stand divided and it is this very division which allows the U.S. imperialists to occupy the Black Belt Nation - to oppress and exploit the people, Black and white, living there. When people, through struggle and sacrifice, fight against these divisions, the bourgeoisie comes down hard. One way to concretely build multi-national unity and oppose the increasing attacks of reactionary forces like the KKK is to take up the fight to free Buddy Cochran.

**DEATH TO THE KLAN!
FREE BUDDY COCHRAN!**

CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF AUGUST 29th!



Chicanos protest against the Vietnam war. The August 29, 1970 march through East Los Angeles was a turning point for the Chicano people.

On August 29, 1970 over 10,000 people marched through East Los Angeles, the largest Chicano barrio (ghetto) in the U.S., to protest the war in Vietnam, the use of Chicanos as cannon fodder, and the general oppression of Chicano people. Through the slogan "Raza, si, Guerra, no!" (Our people, yes, War, no!) the people expressed their determination to struggle for their rights as a people and against imperialist war. The Chicano Moratorium march and rally was significant in that it was called by an oppressed nationality and clearly pointed to imperialism as the real enemy of the Chicano people. The rally was attacked by the police, hundreds were arrested, scores injured, and 3 people killed. In response to these vicious attacks, the people fought back heroically, attacking not only the brutal cops but rip-off businesses in the community as well. This day of protest, this day of struggle against imperialism and national oppression will stand as a guidepost, pointing the way forward for Chicanos.

The August 29th, 1970 Chicano Moratorium against the Vietnam war pointed the way forward for Chicano people. It clearly identified the source of oppression as U.S. imperialism. Over the last 7 years the economic crisis has grown worse as the capitalists try to shift the burden of the crisis onto the working and oppressed people in order to escape its effects. Financial cutbacks on the state and federal level have hampered or stopped programs aimed at decent housing, jobs, social services and educational opportunities for Chicanos and other oppressed people. The recent Bakke court decision (see UNITE! July 1977) in California is the latest example. The fascist hysteria against undocumented workers from Mexico has increased oppression against Chicanos. The struggle for land intensifies with more brutal oppression by the state, like in Chiliti (also in UNITE!, July 1977).

The U.S. and U.S.S.R. are frantically preparing for war and Chicanos will again be used for cannon fod-

der as they were during the Vietnam war, unless the lessons of that conflict are learned. We cannot wait until war actually breaks out before we do anything.

We must oppose the superpowers war preparations. Chicanos must take this struggle out to the communities, clubs, unions, and all Chicano working people. This is crucial to winning liberation from U.S. imperialism. The international campaign on August 1st must be the start of this struggle. We must oppose the production of war materials and insist the money be spent on peoples' needs.

As UNITE! has pointed out since its inception, we need a communist party to lead us in struggle, to help us get organized so we can defeat the rulers and oppressors of this country. We need to unite all the oppressed nationalities and working people in this country if we are to accomplish this task. To be free from having to fight in imperialist wars, the organizing, the unity, the preparations must begin now. ★





WORKERS' MOVEMENT

CANADA — Workers at Iron and Titanium, a subsidiary of Kennecott Copper, have occupied their factory in response to a lock-out by bosses because of a successful work slowdown. They blocked all the entrances as well as the doors of the administrative offices with loads of iron dust, bins, bulldozers and 20-ton trucks. They dug trenches at strategic places and have posted guards. They turned the factory into a fortress.

Over 80% of the workers had voted for a strike over health and safety grievances. The foundry is full of deadly dust, poisonous gas and smoke. Noise and heat are unbearable and 40% of the furnace workers are work accident victims. Silicosis is also a serious problem.

MALAYSIA — June 20 was the 29th anniversary of the national liberation war against Britain by the Malaysian people. To mark this occasion, the "Voice of Malaysia Revolution" broadcast an editorial stressing the need to follow the Malayan Communist Party and advance triumphantly along the road of revolution, using the countryside to encircle the cities and seizing power by armed force. This is the correct path to victory.



ITALY — More than four million Italian workers staged a four-hour nationwide strike to demand job guarantees. Participating in the strike were workers in textile, garments, food, building trades and metallurgical machinery.

Many of the strikers were from the southern provinces. Unemployment is a crucial issue in Italy, especially in the south where half of the 15 million jobless Italians live.

BRAZIL — Wide unrest has returned to Brazil's university campuses for the first time in nearly a decade. This rising student movement is causing serious concern to the fascist military dictatorship. Peaceful strikes and marches of varying strength have been held during the last two months at universities in nearly every major city. Student demonstrators are calling for restoration of democratic freedoms. Brazil has been under military rule since the U.S. sponsored coup in 1964.

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!

NATIONAL LIBERATION

PHILIPPINES — The New Peoples Army (NPA), military arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines (Reconstituted), has been steadily gaining strength on the large southern island of Mindanao. Even the reactionary Philippine army has admitted that the NPA's already politicized mass base has about one million people.

The NPA has had good success in recruiting people from "cultural minority" groups. Many of these people had been forced out of their land to make way for large sugar plantations and cattle ranches owned by Dictator Marcos' relatives and business associates. Landgrabbing by Del Monte and Dole and by local landlords and military officers has been widespread and has greatly angered the people. Where the NPA has seized control, the implementation of revolutionary land reform has enabled these people to regain their land.



AZANIA — Black people have recently held demonstrations of various forms to mark June 16th, the first anniversary of the Soweto massacre. The rallies were held in defiance of threats and suppression by the reactionary Vorster regime during the month of June.

Over 3000 students held demonstrations and boycotted classes. Also, students protested the detention of 20 student leaders by South African authorities. These leaders were arrested in an unsuccessful attempt to defuse the demonstrations.

In Soweto, the police attempted to disperse rallies and funeral meetings with tear gas and dogs. The people fought back courageously and refused to allow their meetings to be broken up. On June 23, hundreds of Azanians held an unprecedented march in Johannesburg, an area normally sealed off to Blacks. At the same time, thousands more people boycotted school and work and fought a pitched battle with the police on the streets of Soweto.

MICRONESIA — The process of self-government should be implemented in Micronesia immediately, according to a representative of the Tia Beland movement, speaking at the United Nations. But, said Moses Uludong, the U.S., who administers Micronesia under a trusteeship with the UN, is more interested in preserving the area as a secure military outpost at the gateway to the Asia mainland.

The Tia Beland, with mass support from the people of Micronesia, also demanded a moratorium on the superport which a U.S., Japanese and Iranian consortium desires to construct on Palau. "We are not asking for environmental impact studies", said Uludong, "we are talking about a complete moratorium."

PALESTINE — Tens of thousands of Arab residents in cities and towns in the Israeli occupied West Bank of the Jordan River demonstrated in condemnation of Israel's policy of aggression and expansion. Demonstrators protested against Israeli fascist acts of confiscating Arab lands, dismantling civilian housing, forcibly expelling Arab residents and expanding Jewish settlements.

A general strike was staged at factories, communication and transportation departments, shops and schools. The demonstrators mounted slogans calling on the Arab masses to fight for the liberation of occupied land and the restoration of the Palestinian people's national rights. They barricaded the main streets and fiercely fought with armed Israeli police called out to suppress them.

SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION

ALBANIA — The 8th Congress of the Albanian Trade Unions was recently completed. This historic Congress was held in the militant spirit and in the light of the 7th Congress of the Party of Labor of Albania (PLA).

Comrade Enver Hoxha reaffirmed that the main task of the trade unions "has been and still is the communist education of the working people." The trade unions link the Party with the masses, explain the line of the Party and the concrete tasks which it puts forward. Also, the trade unions bring to the Party the voice of the masses and their opinions and experience.

The Congress also enthusiastically set new tasks for implementing the decisions of the 7th Congress and for continuing the tasks of the 6th Five Year Plan of the Party for the construction of socialist society.



KOREA — A rally attended by 200,000 people was held at the Kim Il Sung Square June 25. This "day of struggle against U.S. imperialism" marks the 27th anniversary of the liberation war of Korea.

When U.S. imperialism brazenly launched a war of aggression against Korea, the heroic Korean people and other people of the world, rose as one and valiantly fought back and defeated the aggressors. This great victory set a brilliant example of daring to fight and daring to win for the oppressed nations and people all over the world.

Now, the Korean people are unfolding a powerful struggle to force all foreign troops to withdraw from south Korea and realize the independent and peaceful reunification of the country. The Korean people will thoroughly frustrate the "two Koreas" plot and the war policy of the U.S. imperialist and their puppets.